

To General Amherst. The 10th April 1760

Sir I am sorry I cannot send Your Excellency a more agreeable Answer to Your Letter of the 6th Ult. which I had the pleasure to receive. by Capt. Howe. than that the Proceedings of our Assembly at this time have been such as I apprehended they would be. when I did myself the honour to write to Your Excellency the 25th of Feby. The Letter which You were pleased to forward to me from Mr. Secretary Pitt appearing to be a Circular one, & not containing any particular Censure on the conduct of the Lower House, more than did that Letter from the Secretary of State which I was ordered to communicate to them last Year. They paid very little regard to it nor would they suffer the Opinion of His Majesty's Attorney Gen^l. to have more weight with them. They did indeed in order to save Appearances express a Readiness to comply with His Majesty's Requisition, & thereupon voted a Thousand Men for the Service of the ensuing Campaign, but they Resolved at the same time that the Money necessary for Paying & Supporting such Men should be raised by a Bill which they were morally certain the Upper House would not pass since they had already rejected it five times & Mr. Pratt the King's Attorney General in his Opinion given thereupon had declared it to be unjust & unreasonable, & such a One as could not be enacted into a Law without a Breach of Publick Faith & a Violation of our Constitution. I would not willingly intrude on Your Excellency's Time but as the Members of the Lower House pretend to think that You will be convinced by a Sight of their Votes & Resolves that they have done their Part towards Raising the necessary Supplies & that the Upper House are alone to blame, I must take