

his Intimates that my Administration draws towards a Conclusion. Could Mr. Calvert reap any Benefit from lessening my Influence I should not complain but this I am confident cannot be the Case, It must be for the Interest of both His Majesty & him while I continue here to support my Authority, but how is this done by letting the People see that there is a Person or a Family in the Province whose Interest at home is much greater than that of their Governor.

Having as I conceive by way of Answer to the former part of Your Letter wrote much more than You will read with any degree of Satisfaction I shall in Answer to the latter part of it do no more than return You my sincere & hearty Thanks for Your great Assiduity & pains to get those Accounts past & to obtain an Order for Payment. I am glad You thought of requesting the Lords of the Treasury to refer them to those three Generals, as they must indeed have acted an extraordinary Part if they had not thought the Claim just & reasonable when they had themselves encouraged, nay ordered the Officers to continue in the Service, by doing which those of them who survived the Campaign were entirely or almost ruined. If You should happily obtain an Order for the Money I hope You or Br Philip will be so kind as to advise me without Delay how it is to be got hither: If the Sterling Money is lodged in Yours or any other Person's hands so that I may have power to draw for it, the Exchequer at this time would be so much in favour of those who are to receive it here that there would be a handsome Surplus to defray any Charges which may have or shall attend the Negotiation or Transaction of this Business.

Having lately received a Letter from Mr Hilby (one of the late Contractors for Victualling His Majesty's Forces on this Continent & who as You may have seen by the Accounts I transmitted to You advanced Mr H's £1500^l to enable him to victual the Maryland Troops) wherein, being anxious I suppose about the Money he advanced he desires me to let him know what Measures