

from the Post at Loyalhannon to Fort Du Quesne, with upwards of 3000
Men, but We are told by some People that are come hither from the
Western Part of Frederick County that some of their Neighbours who
had been at the Camp at Loyalhannon returned home the 1st or 2^d
reported that General Forbes had actually reached the Place where
Fort Du Quesne stood but that the French had destroyed it before
his Arrival & carried all the Artillery &c. to a Fort which they had built
about 20 Miles lower down the River. Your Ldp will be pleased to ob-
serve that this is no more than a Report & that it is not yet confirmed
by any Letters from the Army, most People however seem inclined to
believe it, & indeed I am of Opinion that if the Enemy had attacked & de-
feated our Troops on their March or obliged them to halt we should
have received Advice thereof before this time. Having in my Letter
of the 20th of Nov^r acquainted M^r Calvert with the Proceedings of the
Assembly to that time, I have now only to add that they have done
little since, or at least that no Bill of Consequence has been yet offered
to the Upper House since the Opening of the Session except one to renew
& continue in force for five Years longer the Act called the Inspection Law
to which I have by the Unanimous Advice of Your Ldp's Council given
my Assent.

Copy of the 7th Letter to M^r Calvert, Dated at Annapolis the 10th
of Decem^r: 1750. Transmitted by Capt Johnson from Potusent.

Sir. I have already put on board the Ship by which I shall transmit
this a Duplicate of the Letter that I addressed to You the 20th of Nov^r.
Since that time We have received an Account by the Way of Winchester
in Virg^a. that when General Forbes was on his March from the Post
at Loyalhannon & was within a few Miles of the Ohio the French