

copy of 99th Letter to Mr Calvert. Dated Annapolis 10 May 1761.

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Sir you will I hope before this comes to hand have received my Letters dated
 the 19th & 30th of last Month as well as two which I address'd to You the 5th & 6th
 Inst; the last of them just to inform You that as I found there was no proba-
 bility of the Assembly's doing the Business for which they had been convened
 I had by Advice of the Council prorogued them & as it will be three Years
 next Oct: since the last general Election I shall not suppose ever meet this
 Assembly again, nor do I imagine there will be any Occasion if the Secretary
 of State & His Majesty's Generals make no more Demands on us for Men
 or Money for my convening any Assembly again at soonest before next
 Spring, in which Interval that Fire which hath been kept alive by the
 frequent Sessions we have had lately would I doubt not be in a great mea-
 sure extinguished. In my Letter of the 30th of April I intimated to You the
 Reason why the Lower House refused to join with the Gentlemen of the
 Upper House & myself in the Address of Condolence & Congratulation to
 His Majesty which we had offer'd them; for Your better Information I now
 transmit You Copies of several Messages & Addresses that pass'd between
 me & the two Houses on that Subject, by one of which You will perceive
 that after the Committee appointed by both Houses to frame an Address had
 broke up, the Lower House signified to me that they intended to transmit
 a separate one & desired me to authenticate it by giving Orders that the
 Great Seal might be affix'd thereto. As this was a Request of a very uncon-
 mon Nature, & the Step unprecedented I declined complying with it as You
 will see by my Message of the 2^d Inst. Not knowing what Reply to make
 or in what manner to enforce their Request the Leaders in the House
 wav'd the Affair at that time intending however to have the Address