

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

HEREWITH send you Copies of several Letters which I have received, since the Opening of the Session, from the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary PITT, his Excellency General AMHERST, and Brigadier STANWIX: By one of which you will be informed that his Majesty, immediately upon receiving an Account of the Success of his Arms on the River *Ohio*, was pleased to Direct the Commander in Chief of all his Forces in *North-America*, and the Officer commanding his Troops in this Part of it, to lose no Time in concerting the most proper and speedy Means for compleatly restoring the ruined Fort *Duquesne* to a defensible and respectable State, or for Erecting another in the room of it of sufficient Strength, and every Way adequate to the great Importance of the several Objects, of Maintaining his Majesty's Subjects in the undisputed Possession of the *Ohio*; of effectually cutting off all Trade and Communication this Way between *Canada* and the Western and Southern *Indians*; of Protecting these Colonies from the Incursions to which they have been exposed since the *French* built the abovementioned Fort, and thereby made themselves Masters of the Navigation of the *Ohio*; and of fixing again the several *Indian* Nations in their Alliance with, and Dependance upon, his Majesty's Government: Such being the Instructions that the King, out of his tender and paternal Care for the Safety and Welfare of these Colonies, hath been pleased to send the Officer that is appointed to the Command of his Forces in this Part of the Continent, he hath the greatest Reason to expect, that, as his Subjects, the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, and the Two neighbouring Provinces, are particularly and nearly interested in the speedy Execution of this great and salutary Work, they will be particularly alert and ready to give such Officer all the Assistance in their Power; and it will, as the Secretary of State observes, be Matter of no small Surprize, and must reflect the greatest Blame on your Conduct, should you, in any Point, fail to assist to the utmost the King's Officers who shall be employed on this Occasion. That this, however, will not be the Case, I entertain the most sanguine Hopes; for I cannot think you would wish to lose the Fruits of the late successful Expedition to the Westward, to see the *French* again in Possession of the *Ohio* Country, and our Frontier Inhabitants exposed to the dreadful Incursions of their *Indian* Allies. If you have any Regard for your own Safety, or the Safety and Welfare of your Posterity; if you have any Regard for the Reputation of the Province, or can be animated by the laudable Example of all your Fellow Subjects in the neighbouring Colonies; or if you have the least Sense of Gratitude to the best of Kings, and your Mother Country, for the powerful Succours which have been sent hither, and supported at a vast Expence, for our Protection; you will, I hope, at this Time, give a convincing Proof thereof by your Actions, by pursuing different Measures from those which you have for a long Time unhappily adhered to, notwithstanding you must have been convinced they would never meet with the Concurrence of another Branch of the Legislature.

But, *Gentlemen*, if after all, you shall, upon mature Deliberation, Resolve that you will, on no Account whatever, adopt any of the various Methods by which Supplies have been heretofore raised in this Province, nor propose or agree to any Supply-Bill, unless it be exactly on the same Plan with those, or rather with that, which the Gentlemen of the Upper-House have four Times refused to pass, for many Reasons that have been signified to you; I have only to desire that you will oblige me so far as to communicate to me without Delay, such your Resolve, for this Reason, among others, that General AMHERST and Brigadier STANWIX may be immediately advised thereof, and take their Measures accordingly.

9th April, 1759.

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And Letters from the Right Honourable Mr. Secretary Pitt, General *Amberst*, and Brigadier *Stanwix*; which said Letters were Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, That a Clerk to a Committee from this House, appointed to draw a Bill for the Advancement of Justice, and other Purposes relative to the Public Business, be chosen, Mr. *John Baldwin* was nominated, and the House approved of him:

Ordered, That he be Qualified in the usual Manner.

Mr. *Key* brings in, and delivers to the Clerk of the House, the following Certificate, *viz.*

April 9, 1759.

CAME *John Baldwin* before me the Subscriber, and took the several Oaths to the Government appointed by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, before me, and took the following Oath, *viz.*

YOU *John Baldwin* do swear, That you will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things as shall be to you directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly, for whom you shall act as Clerk, and

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