

Letter Bk. I. pursue their Victory & the timorous Inhabitants desert their plantations & fly from Danger as it approaches those that are more remote from it either pity the Frontier Inhabitants or condemn their Cowardice but not a Man will move to their Assistance or to oppose the Enemy. The Eastern Colonies
 p. 192 have indeed shewn a laudable Spirit, they are raising a Body of 8000 or 9000 Men who will march toward Crown Point under the Command of Col^o Winsloe while the four Regiments on the Establishment are employed to the Westward. What will be the Event of this Campaign I cannot guess, the French I am afraid will be found pretty strong on the Lakes especially as the want of a Martial Spirit in these Colonies will prevent any Diversion to the Southwestward w^{ch} would necessarily oblige the Enemy to divide their Forces. Inclosed I send your Ldp a Return of the Number of Inhabitants in your Lordsp's Province whereby y^r Ldp will see what proportion those of the several Denominations bear to each other. I am honoured wth y^r Ldp's Commands concerning some Maryland Partridges which are called Quails in the Northern Colonies I have ordered a number of them to be caught & hope I shall have them to send by the next Ship that sails for London I &c

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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I do myself the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lett^r dated the 24th Oct^r the Vessel by which it was sent had a remarkable long passage, so that it did not come to hand till a few Days since. Mine dated the 5th Ian^y informed you that our Assembly was to meet the 20th of last Month; there was not a House till the 23^d ever since which time they have been sitting without having brought a Supply Bill into the House in Consequence of a Vote for granting £40,000. By the Bill that is framing £30000 of that Sum is to be struck in Bills of
 p. 193 Credit to be sunk within 7 or 8 years, by a Land Tax, Excise on Spirituous Liquors, a Stamp Duty, & some other Fund of less Value or Importance; they propose I hear to subject His Ldp's Mannours to the Payment of the Land Tax, w^{ch} will lay me under a Necessity of refusing the Bill & perhaps of putting an End to this as I have done to former Sessions, & shall I am afraid to all future Ones unless the Legislature of Great Britain will take the Condition of these Colonies under Consideration & save the respective Assemblies the Trouble of providing for their own Safety. The Assembly of Pensilvania