

loaded with Provisions to Pittsburg he was attacked by a considerable Body of French & Indians who killed or took 35 of the Party together with all the Provisions, which Loss I am afraid was severely felt by the Garrison of Pittsburg who by all Accounts have never been well supplied with Provisions since they have been in Possession of that place—We learn from the Boston Gazette dated the 14th of May that all the Troops as well Provincials as Regulars which were to go from that Colony to serve under Gen^l Wolfe or to garrison the Forts in Nova Scotia & Cape Breton were then embarked: & the N York Paper of the 21st Ult tells us that almost all the men who were to compose Gen^l Amherst's Army had reached Albany before that time & that the Rest would follow in a few Days, which makes us entertain hopes that they have now all joined & are not far on this Side Lake George from which Quarter I hope to send Your Ldp agreeable Intelligence the next time I have an Opportunity of assuring Your Ldp that I am with the utmost Respect Your Ldps dev^d & most humb. Serv^t

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 4th June 1759 transmitted by.

Sir

Having been informed that there is a Vessel about to sail from Choptank for London I embrace the Opportunity to send you the three last Journals of the Upper House one of which viz. the Journal that begins the 22^d of Nov^r will shew you that on the 29th of that month a Bill came from the Lower House entituled "an Act for the Security of Purchasers & others claiming by or from Protestant Aliens, a Copy of which Bill (marked A) I shall herewith transmit for Your Perusal. As it appeared to me to be of a new & extraordinary Nature I intimated to the Gent^lⁿ of the Upper House (or rather to those few who attended the House) that I should be unwilling to give my Assent to it till I could have time to write to His Ldp & to receive his Instructions thereupon which Intimation I apprehended would have inclined them to wave coming to any Resolution upon the Bill at that time but to have postponed the Consideration of it to the next Session & to a fuller House, the two M^r Taskers Col^o Hammond M^r Calvert & M^r Dulany being all that were then present. This method however (tho no unusual One) was not it seems agreeable to some of those Gentⁿ they were pleased to put the Vote & thereby gave M^r Dulany an Opportunity of entering his Protest which I have reason to think M^r Tasker & also the Colonel (who had importuned me much to pass the Bill) had before seen.