

that in order to raise such Supply a Bill should be brought in similar in every respect to that which the Upper House had already refused seven times, for the Reasons which I took the Liberty briefly to mention in my Letters dated the 18th of May 1758, the 18th of April 1759 & 14th of April 1760. After the Lower House had come to such a Resolution I had no hopes of the Assemblys doing the Business for which I had convened them being assured that after what had passed in so many successive Sessions the Upper House would not give their assent to such a Bill, nevertheless I did not choose to prorogue them till the abovementioned Bill having been returned with a Negative the Majority of the Members in the Lower House by a Vote expressed their Resolution to grant no Supplies by any other Mode whatever to which Resolution as I have intimated in former Letters I apprehend they will adhere being I am apt to think persuaded that the greater Number of their Constituents would not be well pleased at being now burthened with any new Taxes. These being my real Sentiments I humbly submit the same to Your Consideration & am with the utmost Respect, Sir

Letter Bk. III

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

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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 addressed to you the 5th & 6th Inst. the last of them just to inform you that as I found there was no probability 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^r since the last general Election I shall not I 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 measure 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 offered them; for your better Information I now transmit you Copies of several Messages & Addresses that passed between me & the two Houses on that Subject, by one of which you will perceive that after the Committee appointed by both