

Letter Bk. IV that I was not mistaken. Having appointed a Day for taking the Letters & Opinion which I had communicated to them into Consideration They passed just the same Votes & made the same Resolves that were entered into by them last year (of which you may see a Copy in the 32<sup>d</sup> 33<sup>d</sup> & 34<sup>th</sup> Pages of the inclosed Journal) & on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March they sent to the Upper House a Bill for Raising £60000 for the purposes therein mentioned by just the same Mode that was proposed last year; nor would they pay so much Regard to M<sup>r</sup> Pratt's opinion on that old Bill of theirs as to alter it in any respect whatever. After such a Proceeding there was not the least Room to hope that any thing would be done relative to His Majesty's

p. 72 Service however as the two Houses had other Bills under Consideration they continued Sitting till the 11<sup>th</sup> of April when I passed in the usual Form five Continuing Acts & three others of no great Consequence as on perusing them you will readily perceive. Besides these & the Supply Bill there were several others brought on the Carpet which miscarried, in particular the Naturalization Bill which being approved of by His Ldp was by the Gentlemen of the Upper sent to the Lower House where it was rejected because it did not expressly exclude Papists from all the Advantages which thro His Ldps Favour were to be by that Bill conferred on Aliens & such as have by purchase or other means acquired Lands that belonged to Aliens within this Province. The Gentlemen of the Upper House sent down likewise a Bill for Dividing All Saints Parish in Frederick County which was refused as 'twas given out because some of the Burgesses from that County thought the Parishioners would choose to have it divided in a different manner from what the Gentlemen of the Upper House had proposed. There was likewise a Bill prepared in the Lower House & sent to the Upper for extending the Duration of the Supply Bill that was passed in 1756 & for continuing it three years longer than it would otherwise remain in Force, in order to prevent any extraordinary Tax being laid on the Lands throughout the Province to make up what the other Funds & Duties imposed by that Act have proved deficient. The Gentlemen of the Upper House were inclined to continue the Act one Year longer than it is now to endure & to aid it in some measure by a Poll Tax for the reasons given in their Message

p. 73 to the Lower House (which is inserted in the 24<sup>th</sup> Page of their Journal) they would not pass the continuing Bill in the Form it was offered them. As I find by a Letter which I received this Morning from General Amherst that he intends to transmit to M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Pitt one which I lately wrote to him on our Assembly's breaking up without granting any Supplies, I