

Letter Bk. III eighty four Recruits which if they please they may do without raising any Money whatever as there is more than enough for that purpose already in the Treasury. When I am able to inform Your Excellency more certainly what may be expected from this Province I will again do myself the honour to write to you in the mean time.

Letter Bk. IV

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Copy of 109th Letter to M^r Calvert Dated the 15th of April 1762. transmitted by Capt Andrews.

Sir

There being a Vessel just about to sail for Bristol I embrace the Opportunity to transmit a few Lines to inform you that having about six Weeks ago received a Letter from the Earl of Egremont in the usual Stile requiring me to convene the Assembly of this Province & to press them in the most earnest manner to raise a Body of Troops for the Service of the ensuing Campaign I accordingly met them the 17th of last Month, soon after which they Voted 400 Men to be raised cloathed & paid till the 1st of April next & also 84 Recruits for the Regular Regiment on this Continent that Number being demanded by Gen^l Amherst as the quota of this Province, after Debating two or three Days about the Ways & Means for raising the Sum required which they settled at £45000 (tho one Third part of that Sum would have been sufficient for those purposes) It was carried by a Majority of I think seven Voices that the Plan of the Assessment Law should be still adhered to whereupon M^r Edward Tilghman M^r Murdock & some others were appointed to prepare a Bill on that Plan & it was last Friday Evening sent to the Upper House & returned thence with a Negative the Tuesday following: The next Day a Motion was made for Raising 300 Men but the Majority having then carried a Vote for postponing it untill a Message should be drawn & sent to the Upper House in answer to one they had sent down with the Bill, it hath not been yet determined whether any less number of Men than 400 shall be raised or not, but I suppose it will be now finally determined in a few Days, after which I shall not fail to advise you of our Proceedings by the first Opportunity, & till you receive my Letters I hope you will not be made uneasy by any thing our Letter Writers may take the Liberty to suggest to their Correspondents. Governor Hamilton having received a similar Letter from the Secretary of State convened his Assembly also, but they are broke up again without granting any Supplies. The Assembly's sitting at this time laid us under a