

Copy of ^{the} 55th Letter to M^r Calvert dated the 23^d of July 1777
at Philadelphia & transmitted by the Packett from New York

Sir In my last dated the 4th Inst. I informed you that the Lord
of Loudoun had thought proper to require my Attendance here at
this time when he expected the Governors of Virga^{nia} & the Carolinas as
well as of this Province would meet & have an Interview with him (A-
greeable to His Ldps Desire. Gover^{ors} Dolbe^r M^r Dinwiddie & Myself
are come hither & have been some Days expecting His Ldp from Boston
whether he went immediately on his leaving Albany, to lay as is
supposed his Plan of Operations for the next Summer before the
Governors or Legislatures of the five Eastern Colonies & to prevail on
them if possible to grant him such Supplies & Assistance as they can
respectively afford & as His Ldp thinks he might stand in need of
What were His Ldps Propositions to them or his Expectations from
them We know not but it is said that they have come readily into
His Ldps Measures. The Assembly of New York is now sitting & it
is presumed that they will shew less Inclination to support His
Ldp & promote His Majestys Service than the New England Gent^{lemen}
have done but No Body ventures to entertain such sanguine Expecta-
tions of the Colonies that lye to the Southward. The Assembly of
this Province has been some time & is still sitting to very little
purpose being resolved as it should seem to give up the Province to the
Enemy rather than provide for its Defence by such a Bill as
Governor Denny finds himself at Liberty to accept. Inclosed I
send you a Copy of ^{Minutes of their} late Proceedings which are just published