

since that time all Correspondence between us has been broken off & I
he will be much among the Merchants while he stays in London & in par-
ticular with his Friend Mr Philpot, Should he endeavour to do me any In-
justice with my Ld. or any one else, during his Residence there I hope you
will be able to render his Attempts abortive. Lord Loudoun is at length
sailed from N York with upwards of 6000 Men, They left Sandy Hook
the 20 of June whence we conclude that His Ld. had then received certain Advice
of the Arrival of the Fleet from Ireland at Halifax & we entertain sanguine
hopes that the Fleets have ever this joined, I am very apprehensive that His
Ld. will not be able to attempt Quebec this Year but I think he might
without Difficulty make himself Master of Louisburg & if he be permitted
& enabled to prosecute his plan next Spring the Reduction of that Place will
be a great Step towards the Conquest of Canada I am exceedingly obliged
to you for your kind Offer to use your Interest in my Favour with
Ld. Halifax & to endeavour to procure me the Governmt. of N York in case
I should think that Governmt. a desirable One, In this you continue to act
the Generous Part that you have always done & I should think myself
wanting in Gratitude if I failed to make you my grateful Acknowledg-
ments but as you say that you have been assured by those that know best
that it is not worth more than sixteen hundred a Year I am at a loss whether
to accept or decline the Offer: It has been usually estimated in America at
a much higher Value but I suppose that as the Lands are almost all sold
the Profits must have been considerably lessened, with regard to the People
that a Govt. has to deal with there, they are much the same I believe
as in the other Colonies, They have I know shewn more Generosity &
Spirit since these Disturbances began than the People of Maryland for they
have agreed to support the Men that were required of them & they have
defrayed the Governors Expence, or made him a considerable Present as often