

or his Govern<sup>t</sup> I was unwilling to issue Pilot's Lycences which would be by the Enemies of the Govern<sup>t</sup> called an Innovation till I was properly advised in what manner I should support His Ldp's Right & carry his Instruction properly into Execution, In being thus cautious I hope you will believe I intended nothing, but Good to His Ldp, but if you think I erred in judgment, be pleased as I before desired you to signify his Ldp's Will with respect to this matter & be assured that I shall most punctually comply therewith. I have spoke to Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd about the Six Rental Books & Bills of Excha. which were sent to him the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1754. he says they were all received, & I have also delivered to him the Packetts that you sent inclosed to me with your Letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1755. I have repeatedly mentioned to him what you have writ concerning his Neglect &c & he has as often promised me that you should have no farther Cause of Complaint, but I am a little afraid that such frequent Hints from me may be disagreeable & that he will be apt to think I busy myself more about what properly belongs to him than His Lordship or yourself desire me. As to what I mentioned some time since about reducing the Farmer's or Sheriff's Sallaries for collecting the Rents to Six p<sup>er</sup> C<sup>t</sup> it cannot be done at present, if ever a fair Opportunity shall offer I hope His Ldp will beleive that I will not fail to obey his Commands, & that I shall agreeable to his Orders take all possible Care to prevent any Incroachments on any part of His Ldp's Province. I might refer you to my Letters dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of March & 17<sup>th</sup> of April for an Account of our present Situation, The Assembly is still sitting, on the Bill that was prepared some of the Gent<sup>en</sup> of both Houses are holding a Conference, what will be the Event of it I cannot predict. As there are many Obstacles to be removed before they take that Part which imposes a Tax on Lands into Consideration, I am apt to think the Conference will break up & perhaps the Assembly be prorogued without His Ldp's Mannour Lands coming into Dispute. A few Days I think will determine the Fate of this Bill & bring Matters to a Conclusion; but if we do nothing for the protection of the Frontiers God knows what will be the Consequence, Conegochiegh is already our most Western Settlement & if the Inhabitants of that part of the Country do not stand their Ground & I think there is little Probability of their doing so, I beleive one might foretell without the Spirit of Prophesy that all that part of Frederick County that lies beyond Frederick Town will be abandoned before this time twelve month at farthest. The Inhabitants of all that part of Virg<sup>a</sup> which lies Westward of the Shanadoe River have I am told left their plantations; & notwithstanding a great Part of the £60000. granted by the Pensilvanians has

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