

two British Regiments were ordered to prepare to follow them. Later Letters from Albany persuade Us that the Report of the Indian Scouts was groundless & tell us that upon General Johnson's having intimated as much by second Letters the March of the British Regiments had been countermanded. . . Upon the Indians making Incursions into Pens^a towards the End of last Month & murdering many of the Inhabitants Gov^r Morris convened the Assembly & intreated them to consider of the unhappy Condition of their Defenceless Country & make some Provision for the Safety of the Inhabitants the Assembly has been sitting ever since but notwithstanding the Indians continue their Depredations have renewed their Disputes with the Gover^r & absolutely refused to grant any money unless by a Land Tax to which the Proprietary's Reserved Lands should be subjected as well as his Tenant's Estates, I dont know whether they have yet concluded the Session, but I take it for granted that the Issue thereof will be just the same as was that of the preceeding when I left Annapolis I desired M^r Tasker to send me immediate Advice if any thing extraordinary should happen in his Ldp's Gov^t during my Absence or if any Indians should appear again upon our Frontiers, As I have not received any Letter & do not hear that any Mischief has been done there I conclude that things remain in the same Situation that they were when I left Maryland & as they will I hope till I return again thither.

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D^r B^r

In Compliance with Gen^l Shirley's Request I have every Day since the 8th Inst. here expected his Arrival from Albany where he tells me in a Lett^r dated the 16th that I yesterday received he has been detained by the necessity of unforeseen Business of the greatest Consequence contrary to his Expectations & Appointment, & in the same Lett^r desires me if possible to defer my Return to Maryland a few Days longer arguing it will be well taken by His Majesty's Ministers as our having an Interview at this time is expedient & likely to promote the publick Good. Finding an Attempt on either of the French Forts on Lake Ontario this Season impracticable He has left 700 men of his own & S^r W^m Pepperell's Regiments at Oswego under the Command of Lieut Col^o Mercer & taken the Rest of those Regiments down to winter in the inhabited Parts of the Province. Some Gentlemen of this City were informed last week by their Correspondents at Albany