

Encouraging the Distant Inhabitants to remain in their Plantations, which the Terror of the Indians Incursions and the Alarming news of the General's Ill Success Inclined them to relinquish and Desert; Those that I mett flying from the Frontiers I prevailed upon to return back, and by ordering some small Forts to be built at proper distances from each other in the Western part of Frederick County whereunto the People may resort in Case of Alarms; I hope I have made and left them pretty well Satisfyed and Contented, Each of those Forts I have Garrisoned with a few men who have my orders to Patroll from one to the other, and keep a Communication Free and open; These men I am Enabled to Support by a Subscription that has been made by the Gentlemen of this and some of the other Counties, and from the same Fund I Subsist the Maryland Company by Capt<sup>n</sup> Dagworthy that march'd with the General; But which is now left with the Virginia and North Carolina Troops at Fort Cumberland under the Command of Governor Innes.

And in this Letter he mentions Gov<sup>r</sup> Morris's having Convened the Assembly of Pensilvania in hopes to raise money for His Majesty's Service, And that if they prepared such a Bill as would be agreeable to their Governor; he should also meet the Assembly of Maryland upon the same occasion in hopes they might (notwithstanding their late Resolves) be perswaded to waive the Points contended for.

In another Letter of the same date he mentions Forts which he had ordered to be built, one on Tonallaway and three under the North Mountain.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1755 . . . . Immediately upon Advice received of Gen<sup>l</sup> Braddock's Defeat, The Lord Proprietor (in Compliance with the Resolves of the Assembly who had so often refused to Grant any money for His Majesty's Service without an Appropriation of His Lordship's Fines arising from Ordinary Licences to which he had an indisputable Right under his Charter Exercised for many years by his Ancestors and never relinquish'd) did by a Special Instruction Issued on that occasion, Authorize his Lieutenant Governor to pass an Act of Assembly in Aid of Money Loan, by which for the better Support and Defence of the Common Cause against the Enemy, His Lordship gave up His Right not only to the Ordinary Licences which alone had been estimated by the Lower House at £640 p Ann (and are in reality of near double that Value) But also of Hawkers & Pedlars & the Money arising by such Licences with the ffines & fforfeitures to be Appropriated for a time to the Comon Cause. Giving with pleasure his Interest in Both to & for the service of His Majesty & the defence & Safety of the Province.