

Letter Bk. I. does not say one Syllable to me about the Rent Roll he adds that my Letter or Instructions were in an unusual Strain & that he is sure your Lordship has no reason to complain of his Conduct these Expressions My Lord convince me of what I have before intimated to M^r Calvert, that he is far from being satisfied with my interfering or concerning Myself with matters that he apprehends himself intrusted with the sole Management of & that it is absolutely impossible for me to communicate to him Your Ldp's Instructions with respect to the Administration of your private Affairs without giving Offence. however I hope your Ldp will not disapprove of the Instructions I sent but beleive that I therein endeavoured to act as agreeable to your Ldp's pleasure as possible & that I will on every Occasion to the utmost of my power & Abilities do so. I have also received Your Ldp's Favour by the Earl of Loudon & shall take Care to pay the most punctual Obedience to what Your Lordship therein commands & always contribute as much as possible to promote the Service that His Lordship recommends; He is I hear at this time at Albany disposing of the Regiments in the best manner for the Security of the Northern Provinces & that they may assist or on occasion cover the Retreat of the Provincial Troops who continue absolutely averse to acting in Conjunction with Regulars on the Expedition against Crown-Point. Since I left Fort Frederick we have received Advice that a party of French & Indians have reduced & burnt Fort Granville which was one of the most considerable that the Pensil^a Commissioners had built last year on the Frontiers of that Province, it was situated 20 Miles west of the Conflux of the Susquehanna & Juniata Rivers & has been generally garrisoned with a Company of 70 Men, tho it seems when it was attacked the Garrison consisted of no more than an Ensign & 25 the rest of the Officers being out with Detachments to cover the people while they were at harvest. It is said that by some means or other the Enemy set the Fort on fire that in attempting to extinguish it the Ensign & three or four private Men were killed & some wounded & that the

p. 220 Rest (their Ammunition being expended) thought proper to surrender at Discretion. This Account we have from one of the Prisoners who has given the Enemy the Slip & is returned to the Inhabitants. This Accident has a good deal alarmed the Inhabitants of Pens^a while it makes our people see the Expediency of my building Fort Frederick of Stone, which measure alone (tho it is expensive) is the only one that can secure a Garrison against the Savages conducted by European Officers as it is certain these Indian Parties are. This My Lord is all the news that I can send your Lordship at present, every thing in Your Ldp's Province & Virginia remaining in