

send you a Copy, however Briefly it Contains Numerous Observations and Explanations on the bad Plan wth Errors from Search of the Rent Rolls for—Three Countys on the Western Shore rec^d from him and where in I say to him “I Can assure you the Governor has done you no wrong, therefore hope you'l not Conceive Jealousy against him who really regards you and I hope my Lord will Benefit from y^r Service and that you will Convince him thereof in the Execution of the Plans of his Affairs you have rec^d from me the Confusion of the Mannors and Rentals you say you'l rectifye.

My Lord doubts not y^r Service, but thinks y^r delay Tedious his Delay thereof was the Motive that made my Lord send you his Instructions for the Causing the return of his Rentals to him, therefore it is strange that he seems to think that you take upon you in Giving Peremptory Orders ab^t the Management of his Lordship's private Affairs—

Especially as you Can produce to him his Lordship's Instructions to warrant y^r so doing Occasion^d by his Neglect; I do assure you I am Weary'd in Writing to him on that Subject, in which I Can have no relief therein, but what may result from y^r Care and Orders for redressing the Same.

The Expedition to Crown Point seems by your Account not Likely to be Attended wth Success on our Side as the Provincial force refused Injunction to Act wth our Regular Troops, I am much Concern^d to understand since you Left the Frontiers of an Accident w^{ch} has happne'd in Pensilvania to their several Forts on the Frontiers of that Province particularly to that Fort Call^d Granville built at Ianicata West of the Susquehannah River, it Lying near the Borders of Maryland. The Garisson was Trifling that of a Subaltern wth Twenty five Men against a party of French and Indians perhaps Ten times their number, who found means to Set the Fort on fire it being I Suppose a Stockade fort of Wood that only serves for Bonfire to the french from Ignorance in the Pensilvanian Art of War; w^{ch} you have remedy'd, and well Considered in the Construction of Fort Frederick. Built of Stone the only durable Material to Protect and be of Service against Either a Military or Indian force, from the Latter Likely to be Secure from harm—tis a Melancholy Event your Intelligence of the Loss of Oswego Taken by the French and w^t the Earl of Loudon Observ's to you, without the Assistance of the Royal American Regiments of w^{ch} he is very Importunate about the Levies wth you and the Other Provinces, if not soon Compleated 'tis Greatly to be Apprehended it will be Difficult to oppose the Enemy, sh^d they presume to advance into Pensilvania or the Province of New York. The unhappy Accident must have Struck all wth Great Consternation, no Aid Sure will be wanting, as by it Consists the preservation of Each Particular person, than which it is