

The loss of Oswego is a bad Event & opens the way for the Enemy's March to annoy the frontiers of the Southern Province; also relative to y^{rs} of the 3^d of Nov^r concerning the Assembly's extragant demands on his Lord^p he is well Inform'd thereof by their proceeding i. e. the L. H—their ill will & the other Colonies preversness against defence of themselves & his Majesty's Dominions in America will bring on them the Authority of Parliament, for obliging them to contribute their respective Quota's & to exert their united fforce in Defence of themselves & the Sovereign. The spies taken off ffort Cumberland, their Intelligence I hope has proved of Advantage his Lord^p approves of y^r Presentation to the Rev^d M^r McPherson to W^m & Mary Parish in Charles County, conformable to his Instruction.

In y^{rs} of the 23^d of Feb^y last from Philadelphia you mention y^{rs} the 4th of that Instant, which is not come to hand, nor the Inclosed Copy of the Assembly of Pensilvania Proceedings. The Complainers of that Province are not arrived.

By my Lord is shipp'd, Consign'd to you on Board the Vessells call'd the Sally, & John & Ann, the Masters John Johnston & Iudson Coolidge, bound for Patapsco & Patuxent Rivers in Maryland, Mark'd F. L. B. is put on Board each viz^t forty Barrells of Bullets & Twenty Barrells of Gunpowder for the use of the Province und^r your Directions.—M^r Stuart has been again this year with Complaint on the Duty he charges by the Naval Officers that is Collected by them on Convicts, by the Act for raising six Thousand pound for his Majesty's service, . . . seem'd perplex'd what to do? He told me, the Duty Collected was Tantamount in Effect a prohibition to the Acts of Parliament, the Authorities he transported & disposed of them: I answ^d I couldn't perceive his Authority were any way Questioned by the Maryland Act, nor could I conceive his Authorities meant, on Gain by Traffick of them to Barr with fforce of excluding such Dues in Common with the Subject, in Support of his Majesty's Crown & Dignity & the Primary Law of Nature—Self Defence! But of this his Lord^p was Judge, with Appeal to His Majesty in Council.—Since, he has presented his memorial of Complaint to the proprietor, who has referred it for Advice to S^r Robert Henley His Majesty's Attor^y Gen^l His wrangling Occasioned by the opinion of the Provincial Lawyers to the Naval Officers for requiring the Duty, obscure by the Law, tends to the disquiet of the Proprietor, the Province, to you the Lieu^t Govern^r Naval Officers & all parties Concerned, from a measure set into Debate.

A Petition by John Beadnall of Queen Ann's County in Maryland stiling himself Clerk, has been presented the Lord proprietor setting forth inter al^s viz^t . . . "towards the close of