

they will not choose to do, & if they decline it the unreasonableness of their Request for the Naval Officers Bonds being put in Suit will be too flagrant to meet with the Approbation of the considerate part of their Constituents. Together with my Letter by Capt Brooke dated the 17th of April I hope you have before this time received Authenticated Copies of the two Acts of Assembly made in 1651 & 1661 & also an Account of several Acts which preceeded the former & serve to shew that the Assembly at the time of the Ld Proprietary's Assenting to that Act considered it as a favour granted them rather than as a Burthen: in the same Letter & again in my Lett^r dated the 4th of Iune I advised you of Gov^r Denny's having at length gratified the Assembly of Pens^a by passing their favourite Assessment Bill whereby the Proprietaries Estate will be subjected to the Payment of a monstrous Sum towards sinking the Bills of Credit which have been struck at several periods in that Province for the Kings use. Since that time the Assembly have again met & having discovered at length by what means M^r Denny's Assent was to be procured have treated with him accordingly & obtained his Assent to an Act for Reviving & continuing their favourite Excise Law for 16 years longer, which Excise amounts annually to a very considerable Sum & is entirely & solely at the Disposal of the Assembly. This Act alone must in effect vest the Assembly with almost all the power in that Governm^t All the Officers concerned in collecting or managing this Revenue are appointed either by the Assembly or the People, nor can the latter ever want means during the Continuance of such an Act to harrass the Proprietaries or tempt any Gov^r who is not well fixed in his Integrity to sacrifice their Interest whenever the Assembly shall be pleased to ask him. But it seems the Assembly being not yet satisfied or as they say having not sufficiently secured their Constitution are preparing some other Bill of a very extraordinary nature which Gover^r Denny has also promised to pass for the same Reasons that he assented to the other, but of what nature this Bill will be I cannot learn the Transactions of that Assembly being kept a profound Secret till every thing is perfectly finished. It is with pleasure I inform you that every thing does now seem to go on well to the Westward the 1st Battalion of Royal Americans & most of the Pens^a & Virg^a Troops have either already reached or are far advanced on their March to Pittsburg where Gen^l Stanwix is to build a respectable Fort: The Garrison was indeed for some time this Spring but badly supplied with Provisions but it is said that large Supplies have been now carried out & if the General chooses to have Provisions &c carried from Red-Stone Creek to the Ohio by