

sented Be pleased to advise me & I will communicate to them whatever you shall think expedient. The Justices of Queen Ann's County having recommended as a proper Object of Clemency one Sam<sup>l</sup> Osborne who lately forfeited the Sum of £30 to the Ld Proprietary I have taken the Liberty to mention the Man's Case to His Ldp & hope that when you lay before him the said Osborne's Petition He will be inclined to remit the Forfeiture. In my Lett<sup>r</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst, I advised you of the Enemy's having thought proper immediately on the Reduction of Niagara to abandon all the Forts which they had built at presquile on Lake Erie & on the Head Branches of the Ohio River; Since that Event the Indians are it seems all become very tractable nor have they lately presumed to annoy any of the King's Forces which are employed to the Westward or to commit any Act of Hostility whatever. What a lucky Expedition was that ag<sup>st</sup> Niagara for these Colonies, for by all Accounts if General Prideaux had landed there two Days later than he did the French & Indians who were assembled at Venango & who were so unsuccessful in their Attempt to relieve Niagara would have fallen down the Ohio & attacked Pittsburg at a time when its Garrison was weak & in want of Provisions, the Fort not defensible, & Brig<sup>r</sup> Stanwix so far on this Side of it with the Rest of his Troops, that it would have been impossible for him to have sent the Garrison any Assistance. I was in hopes when I acquainted you the 13<sup>th</sup> of last month with the Progress which General Amherst had then made that he would have been at Montreal before this time but it seems the French had so many Armed Vessels on Lake Champlain that it was not prudent to attempt a Passage in the Boats wherein his Army was transported over Lake George without some Vessels of Force to convoy & cover them & such Vessels could not be got ready before the Middle of this month, however I am not yet without hopes that the General is by this time again in motion & that notwithstanding the Preparations which the French are said to have made at the North End of the Lake for his Reception he will be able to pay a Visit to Montreal before Winter, if M<sup>r</sup> Wolfe can remain up the River S<sup>t</sup> Lawrence a few weeks longer. The latest news which hath been received from that quarter being inserted in our Yesterday's Gazette I shall herewith transmit it & in the same Paper you'll see an Account of General Gage's being gone down the River S<sup>t</sup> Lawrence from Oswego with a considerable Body of Soldiers & Indians to fall on a Settlement which the Enemy have made at a place called La Gallette or Oswegatchie. By M<sup>r</sup> Cambell M<sup>r</sup> Steuart's Partner who charges himself with this Lett<sup>r</sup> & the Papers which I have mentioned I shall likewise send you a Rent Roll for Calvert