

Letter Bk. I. There is nothing in either of the Acts that is obscure or extraordinary or that renders any observations or Remarks on them at all necessary. I also send you a Copy of my Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the Opening of the Session lately held at Baltimore Town, together with Copies of the Addresses that I received in Answer thereto: & in the inclosed Gazette You will see the Titles of all the Acts that were passed at the Conclusion of it. The first entituled "An Act for His Majesty's Service &c" contains nothing unusual or extraordinary, it only appropriates what remained unexpended & unapplied of the £40,000 to the Support of 500 Men which was thought a reasonable Quota for this Province to maintain for the Defence of our Frontiers & the Service of the ensuing Campaign. The Ten following ones are no more than reviving & continuing Acts, & the Six others are simple & contain nothing that can be disagreeable or that makes it expedient for me to make Remarks on them at least before the Printer can furnish me with Copies to remit for Your Perusal. After the Titles of these Acts you may read in the Gazette a Copy of a Letter which was sent to me a week before the Assembly broke up by a Party of 60 Cherokee Indians for whom the Gentlemen were so generous as to Vote the Sum of £100 as a Present & to tell me that they would hereafter if they should think their Accounts reasonable provide for the Payment of those that should by my Order supply them with Provisions during their Stay on our Frontiers. As soon as a proper Assortment of Goods to the Value of the Sum given could be collected I sent My Secretary & M^r Wolstenholme

p. 271 to deliver them with my Answer, & as the Indians had by this time been out & had returned again to the Fort with two Enemy Indians that they had taken Prisoners & the Scalps of four others that they had killed in or near the Frontiers of this Province The Gentⁿ were enabled by that Clause of the Act which appropriates a Sum of Money for Scalps to make such an Addition to the Present as rendered it acceptable. I have sent His Ldp a Copy of the Report that the Gentⁿ made on their Return wherein is contained my Answer & the Cherokee's Reply. We hear that the Party of these People that came to Winchester (consisting of about 90) is gone out with a Detachment of the Virginia Forces to fall on One of the Shawana Towns that lye below Fort Du Quesne. I expect that many of those that sent me the Letter will return again to our Frontiers very soon & I hope they will contribute much to the Security of our Frontier Inhabitants. By a Person that came Yesterday from the Northward we are informed that all the Men that Lord Loudoun proposed to take with him from New York (amounting to upwards of