

Letter Bk. IV that I expect the Merchants who have lost any Tobacco during the War & have not yet applied to you for a Lycence to export an equal quantity free of Duty will make their Application to you before that time. Having answered such Parts of your several Letters as seemed to require answers I now proceed to inform you that having on my Return from Newcastle the 25<sup>th</sup> of last Month received Letters from the Earl of Egremont & the Board of Trade requiring me to cause peace to be proclaimed within this Province in the usual solemn manner & to appoint a Day of publick Thanksgiving to be observed throughout the Province on occasion of the Re-establishment of Peace & Tranquility, Peace was accordingly proclaimed with all Ceremony in this City on Monday the first of this month & Proclamations were issued directing the Sheriffs Justices &c. to proclaim the same in the several Counties; & by Advice of the Council I appointed Tuesday the 23<sup>d</sup> of this Month to be observed as a Day of Publick Thanksgiving. In my Letter dated the 2<sup>d</sup> of July I sent you some Gazettes to shew you that we had some reason<sup>s</sup> to apprehend the Indians would renew their Incursions & again commit hostilities on our Frontier Inhabitants. What was then only feared has since come to pass for there have been two or three persons killed in the Western Part of Frederick County & the People who had settled beyond Fort Frederick retired thereupon to that place for Shelter, but as some Parties of Militia & Volunteers were sent out to range on the Frontiers & Colonel Bouquet marched with six hundred men to reinforce the Garrison at Pittsburg which the Indians were said to have invested, the Terror that our Frontier Inhabitants were in on the first Alarm is I understand pretty well over tho in prudence I think the people who lived beyond Fort Frederick where the Plantations are so far distant from each other that they could not give one another Assistance, ought not to return to their Habitations untill the Indians are reduced so as to sue for Peace which I doubt not but the Steps taken by S<sup>r</sup> Jeffery Amherst will soon oblige them to do. As I see by a Copy of the Letter that M<sup>r</sup> Ridout in my Absence wrote to you the 23<sup>d</sup> of last Month that he therein transmitted you an Account to shew what Money is due to you from the Estate of M<sup>r</sup> Jennings as Executor of your Brother Governor Leonard Calvert & at the same time transmitted to M<sup>r</sup> Hunt a Power of Attorney from the Visitors of the Free-school authorizing him to receive what money you shall be pleased to pay him for the use of the said School nothing remains for me but in the name of the Visitors to return you Thanks for what you have done & intend to do for the Advancement of the School, to which I have for my part engaged to contribute Ten pounds a year during my