

of Cumberland, who I knew had spoken & had recomēded you in Council to His Late Majesty in a Military Capacity fitting, & was the cause of much Honour done to you. That of his Majesty's Comiss<sup>n</sup> & Comd<sup>r</sup> of His Majestys Forces in America, w<sup>h</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Post you held, until the arrival of Gen<sup>l</sup> Bradock) He ask'd how Long you had been Gov<sup>r</sup>? I reply'd ab<sup>t</sup> Eight years (I ought to a said ab<sup>t</sup> Ten But by awe confus'<sup>d</sup>) His Majesty on Little pause; was most graciously pleased to say, "you give me pleasure your character of him & I well approve of him": this Testimony of his Majesty Approbation of you is Fact. And of this Approbation & of his own Lord Baltimore holds firm to you & my sincerity attends you, y<sup>r</sup> ways are Hon<sup>ble</sup> what can hurt y<sup>r</sup> scituation, y<sup>r</sup> superiors obligation is to you. I here inclose you his Lord<sup>ps</sup> Let<sup>r</sup> from Constantinople from his residence in the suburbs of that city & from whence his Lord<sup>ps</sup> to me hints of his return home. he having real Benevolence for his Province & being informed from me by y<sup>r</sup> intelligence of the Calamities his province is exposed & subject to by the Invasion of the Indians, touched with commiseration thereunto moved, has directed me & of his own peculiar Gratuity has ordered me to transmit to you, value laid out on his Acc<sup>t</sup> sum of £200 ster<sup>s</sup> in Gun-Powder & Ball, as means the Better to enable you to defend & to repel by force off of so cruel an Enemy from intelligence of America the rupture with the Indians seems to abate & that Peace is or will be concluded soon. Reports not being to be depended upon & as to laying out the money by me as prescribed by His Lord<sup>p</sup> a Job for the merch<sup>t</sup> & calling to mind that his Lord<sup>ps</sup> last £200 for the same purpose he rec<sup>d</sup> no provincial thanks nor Credit, & that as matters are like to subside in peace bet. us & the Indians I opine it Best, to order the sum to be paid you for such use & purpose in relief & expulsion of the Indians & for the protection of the Back provincial Settlers described by his Lord<sup>p</sup> w<sup>h</sup> I am certain will be Hon<sup>bly</sup> done if necessary. I have therefore Noted in my Let<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd "To pay you on Demand the sum of £200 sterl<sup>s</sup> By his Lord<sup>ps</sup> order for Public Service with<sup>t</sup> account to any but to his Lord<sup>p</sup> & you are to pay unto him accordingly." since writing this his Lord<sup>p</sup> by Let<sup>r</sup> has ordered precisely the Gun Powder & Bullets w<sup>h</sup> I sent by Cap<sup>t</sup> Love to M<sup>r</sup> Lloyd contradicted my order pay<sup>t</sup> £200 to you.

Here has been By the Lords of Trade & Plantation many consultations held also references to the Lords of the Council con<sup>s</sup> America Paper Currency, the determination of such consultations By Both Boards is to make report to his Majesty for permission of an Act of Parliament to stop all coin of Currency thro'out America in value not to be offered as good