

Governor, & the other Third to the Informer. she was stop't in the Bay by the master of another Vessel who said she belonged to a Person in the Grenades & had been run away with & brought hither without the owners Knowledge & that thereupon the Owner had advertized the Skipper & Crew as Pirates. As the Skipper run away as soon as he found an Enquiry was to be made & there are other Circumstances which seem to confirm the above Account I as yet detain in my hands the nett Proceeds of the Vessel & Cargo (amounting to about £105 stg after all Expences paid) intending if the Owner should apply & satisfy me that what is abovementioned was really the Truth to make him a present of my Share, & the other unless His Lordship is willing also to make the owner a Compliment will be paid to & accounted for by the Agent. You will see by the inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Surveyors that they expect to have run the fifteen Mile South Line by the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst after which they will I suppose proceed on the West Line. I likewise send you inclosed a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Brice Clerk of this County & one of our Provincial Justices desiring Leave to resign the Clerkship in favour of his Son, to which I have for my part no Objection but rather hope you will comply with his Request. The Assemblies of Virginia & Pennsylvania having both declined complying with the General's Call on them this Spring to assist in garrisoning Pittsburg & the other Western Posts He did not I suppose think it worth while to apply to us for any Troops but has lately wrote to desire I will let some of our Militia join in case of necessity any Detachment of the Regulars which might be employed in Convoying Provisions to Pittsburg, to which I tell him I have no Objection & shall recommend it to the Colonel of Frederick County to encourage them to give such their assistance but at the same time I have advised him not to depend on them lest he should be disappointed. It gives me much pleasure to see by the few Lines you were pleased to write to me the 23<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> that His Ldp was well tho his Voyage to Constantinople had been fatiguing; As I presume you communicate to His Ldp from time to time such parts of my Letters as you think material I decline addressing any to himself till you advise me of his Intention to return & of the time you expect to have the pleasure of seeing him again in England, in the mean time I shall not fail to write often to yourself so that you may be fully informed of all our Transactions.

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