

cates have been since received. His Lordship very readily Embraces them as y<sup>o</sup> first fruits of his Commiss<sup>n</sup> and an earnest of the Ballance w<sup>ch</sup> is to follow ; I have thanked M<sup>r</sup> Loyd for them but his Lordship is very sensible where his first Acknowledgments are due & desires me to make them accordingly to his Commissioners.

I have received the different Setts of the several Laws except those of the last May Session which are not yet arrived.

I observe by your Letter that the expectation of Coll. Boquet's Escheat is Vanished & the Title of one of those Laws Directing a Copy of his will to be Recorded &c. Sufficiently Confirms it.

Your Excellency acknowledges the Receipt of the Instruction adding the Judges of the Land Office to the Commission for auditing the Agents future Accounts. I hope that Instruction is equally agreeable to you & them.

His Lordship and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Penn alike approve yo<sup>r</sup> not Continuing the Line beyond the Allegany Mountains as they wou'd by no means give the least umbrage to the Indians who Hunt there at this Critical Juncture. I am afraid it will be near Christmas before I shall have an Opportunity of sending the new Cargoe of Obelisks, but no time shall be lost in forwarding them. Both Proprietors, sensible of the necessity of a further Enlargement of the return of the Commission, have given Orders for making out the proper Instruments to Extend the time another year, which yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency will probably receive by the next Conveyance, and I hope there will be no occasion for any further renewal as his Lordship is very anxious to see an end of this Expensive business and every day regrets his with holding from the Publick the Assistance of the Ablest Mathematicians

His Lordships only View in Proposing the Copper Coinage was to Promote the good of the Province, whether this measure will have that tendency yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency and the Council are the best Judges, and his Lordship will very readily Conform to yo<sup>r</sup> sentiments, as you are Apprized of his Motives.

The Temper and Moderation of the Southern Colonies and particularly of Maryland give the greatest Satisfaction, whilst the Prevalency of the Old Leaven in the more Northern Ones forebodes no great good to themselves or the Mother Country. Exultation and Triumph are neither Gratefull nor Prudent returns to the Condescension of a great Empire. If they have been Injured they have had their redress, their Victory could not be more Compleat by further Insult; what was past should have been drowned in Oblivion, and their only Business seemed to have been to Provoke new Benefits by the Generous Acceptance of those already Conferred.