

[Sir Wm. Johnson to Sharpe.]

Original.

Johnson hall May 1st 1767

Sir,

Immediately on receipt of the Answers to my Letters concerning the Expence of Calling the Indians together, I dispatched Messengers to them, and have received an Account of their being on their way, but that they have been greatly retarded by the Extraordinary floods, however I daily Expect to hear of their arrival at the frontiers where I am to meet them. Altho I sent only for the Chiefs, yet, I find that a Considerable number beside are on their way.

This Letter is to go by the Nanticokes from Otsiningo near the head of the Susquehanna River, who go to your Government in order to bring off their people to Joyn them at their present residence. I am fully persuaded you will give them all the Assistance and protection you can, and direct how their rights there are to be disposed of, which they are desirous of Selling as the Tuscaroras did who left N. Carolina. Acts of Justice and kindness to these people particularly when the Indians in general appear discontented with the conduct of many of the frontier Inhabitants cannot fail having a good effect. I have furnished them with a Passport for their Journey, and heartily wish they may pass unmolested.

I am, with great Esteem
Sir, your most obedient
& Very Humble Servant
W. Johnson

The Honble L^t Gov^r Sharpe.

[Sharpe to Shelburne.]

Letter Bk. III

To Lord Shelburne. Annapolis the 14th May 1767
My Lord

In obedience to His Majestys pleasure signified to Me by your Ldp's Letter of the 11th of December last I herewith transmit your Lordship an exact Estimate of the Annual Charge of maintaining & supporting the entire Establishment of the Province of Maryland distinguishing the different Funds & the different Services to which those Funds are appropriated also an Account of the Mode pursued here in granting Lands, of the Number of Acres which have from time to time been granted since the first Settlement of the Province the Amount of the Quit Rents reserved thereon & the manner of Levying such Quit Rents. I cannot for the Reason given in the inclosed State transmit to your Lordship at this time a particular account of the several Tracts or Parcels of Land that have been from time to time granted the exact Number of Acres contained in each Tract the precise Time when & name of the