

Proceeded to extremitys, but it is the peculiar happiness of Maryland, and I hope will still continue so, to Escape the general Infection tho' it Spreads ever so nearly.

By the Information given us by M^r Penn all Apprehensions of an Indian War seem at present removed & it is much to be hoped no fresh Cause of Complaint may be furnished those Restless & Revengeful Neighbours.

I had wrote thus far when I recēd your Excellency's further favors of the 1st & 19th of April the former Conveying the Certificate for Lord Strange of the Death of Mary Brereton (which I have forwarded to him) and likewise the sketch of an Instruction as to Alien's Lands and the several Printed Papers between the Bystander and Querist. M^r Jordan is arived with the several other Papers which are now under his Lordships Consideration together with the Survey of the New Tract of Land laid out by your Excellency beyond Fort Cumberland, Estimated at 96.610 Acres, which his Lordship will be glad to see Disposed of as proper opportunitys offer in such a manner as shall appear to his Board of Officers most Advantagious to his Interest, & to their Consideration and advice he desires it may be referred at the same time not seeing himself any good end that so great a reserve can answer & rather wishing only 10.000 or 12.000 Acres at most to be withheld, and the rest to be taken up by Patent upon Payment of Quit Rent. You cannot be too anxious to prevent an Indian War by taking every step to remove all their Grievances Real or Imaginary. It is hoped The Vestry are pleased with their new Rector and that the Paper War is Dropped with the Occasion of it; the Appointment of M^r Edmiston is particularly Agreeable to his Lordship. Tho' M^r Burne might be a good Justice and Law Writer as well as a Divine, those are qualitys which do not fall to every Brother of the Cloth, nor are they to be attained by Skimming the Surface only as Collected by a Compiler. You see I am far from taking the Aggressors part, but all the knowledge and Abilitys in the World would have been ill Employed by his Lordship's friend, in Attacking the first Officers of the State so Justly Entitled to and Possessed of the greatest share of his Confidence.

His Lordship has perused with great pleasure M^r Dulany's Performance in support of his right of Patronage which always Carrys Conviction with it as every work of that Gentleman's does and he much approves your appointing M^r Hughes to the Rectory of Coventry Parish and desires he may be supported in it.

I have laid before his Lordship D^r Stewarts Petition which he thinks very reasonable and is happy in an opportunity of