

Lib. R. he was idle and hath given the people occasion to say your L^{spp} doth favour the Romans, and if any thing said by the Protestants notice is immediately taken of them, I have assured them that I would give your L^{spp} acco^t thereof which gives satisfaction for the present

ffurther am to lett your L^{spp} understand that they think it strange of the Proclamacōn relateing to the sitting of the Assembly notwithstanding your L^{spp} hath been pleased to Signifie the reasons therein, to save their purses, they plainly say there can be noe Assembly without a new Election to make a full house, and that this Assembly cannot contradict what Lawes the former hath enacted, and this is frequently discoursed amongst the people, which I thought it my Duty to acquaint your L^{spp} with On Sunday last I recd: some Intelligence from Zachaiah ffort of the fforreigne Indians being there, the day following I went up with ffifty horse, and comeing in sight of the ffort found all quiett, and calling for the greate men the Sinniquos appeared in the Corne very neare the ffort Our Indians Immediately fired at them severall Vollies at their running off, but not a man killed nor wounded as cann discover, the Enemy returned some shott again, I Doubt they were upon a treaty My Self and six more advanced to the ffort, and demanded of our Indians what force they were, they did assure us six hundred at the least, and did advise me to come into the ffort, which I did both for their Security and ours, I ordered One of our Indians that speakes good Sinniquo to tell them that I was Commanded by your L^{spp} to treat with them being then in sight, and in call, but they returned a scornfull answer as the Indian told my Interpreter, upon which I demanded some of our Indians to goe out after them but they all refused and would not send a man; not a gunn fired by me nor any under my command in this Skirmish, nor they at us, but they saw us and wee them, that night wee lay at the ffort, in the morning we beate about the same in Company with twenty odd of our Indians upon discovery where I found a greate tract leading towards the old Pascattoway ffort, they have done greate mischief in their corne fields which I have viewed; The Neighbouring Indians much rejoiced at our comeing and doe say had wee not come they had been cutt off thatt night, I am glad it was my chance to be at that juncture of tyme, I am sure it prevented either an Agreement or destruction of our Neighbouring Indians. Doubting of the Inhabitants of the ffrontire Plantations I repaired to them and am now ready to Defend to my utmost.

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