

P. R. O. on Goods here, hinder'd the Importacōn of English Goods into Pensylvania, now appears (like some of his others) to be none at all. And for his saying that 'tis a partial Law; I hope that what is in N^o 9 being a Copy of an Act of Assembly, and a minute there of, will satisfy yo^r Lordp^s to the contrary: And the Act for ten p Cent. expires next May.

Upon Inquiry I find that the English Islands in the West-Indies, are under the same Circumstances for the quantitys of ships & Goods; as also that where ever the English trade, suppose they have overstocked their Markets. Now, if it be so, I think my Country men may not have playd the politick part; yet they have shewed how vastly rich they are, w^{ch} pray God continue. And I hope that will be publickly taken notice of, especially in France; that after so long, cloudy, and very expensive a War, & the loss of so many Ships and Vessels, they have been able more than enough to furnish all parts with such great quantitys both of ships, and Goods: so that I think in some sort, the trade of this year in respect of the War, may be compared to the great fire of London, and the sudden building of it much finer than ever twas; as I also find they doe their Ships.

In reading one of the monethly Mercurys, I was very sorry to find that both from East and West France they were designing to send great Settlements to the River of Meschasiipi. For having lately read Hennapins Travels into those pts. I find that if they settle that River, that and the River of Canada will encompass all the English Dominions here. And if please God, the French should get all the Indians on their sides, or have force enough to beat or over-aw them that will not joyn with them; they may be very troublesom to all our Frontier plantacōns on this Continent. For upon Inquiry I had an Account from some Chaovonon Indians whose Country lies to the south-west of South Carolina, & a Frenchman that came with them, and was with Monsieur de la Salle that Journey that he was killed; that the French have some settlements West Southerly not above 200 Miles from the Falls of Potomock. One of the chief of those Indians I got to chalk out the way to those Settlements, & so to the River Maschasiipi, to the parts adjacent, and down to the Bay of Mexico. I had one, who with the help of the French man, made a small rude draught with a pen, which I find in some sort to agree with Hennapins Mapps. And I find that in pag: 250 of his Book, he had by an Indian, a Country of 400 leagues described, which he found to be very exact. I am afraid that now please God, there is a peace, the French will be able to doe more dammage to these Countrys, than they were able to doe in the War. If they can not be prevented from setting on