

P. R. O. M^r Edward Boothby one of the Burgesses for Baltimore Maryland, 9. County who was appointed to goe to the Government of Pensilvania about the Indians, hath not yet made a Returne. I have an account that he is and hath been some time very ill, which I suppose is the reason that he hath not done it.

The Foreign Indians which are mentioned in a certaine Message sent from the House of Burgesses to my self, and his Majesty's Council, some of them are of the five Nations, which are under his Majesty's Government of New York, and are those who passe from the Northward to Virginia and other Southerne Plantations, what their strength is we know not, nor exactly what point of the Compass they lie from us: but suppos'd it is to the Westward of the North. Those Indians which come from the Southward are suppos'd to inhabit upon the River Oheo or Spirito Santo which runs into the Bay of Mexico: and upon which tis reported that the French have two or three settlements. The names which we know the Indians by are the Wittowees, Twistwees, and naked Indians (but the Indians of one Nation are called by diverse Names both by the English and other Indians). The exact point of the Compass which their Country lyes from us is not yet known, but it's supposed to be the Westward of the South: Sometimes they come down to the falls of Potomoke, and Susquahanah Rivers, between which places the Ranging is kept by our two parties of Rangers consisting of a Captain, Lieutenant and eight private troopers; and annexed to N^o 2 are the Copies of some Orders concerning them.

The reasons as I conceive which induce the Inhabitants of this Province to leave it, are the incouragement which they have from the Carolina's and the Jerseys, but particularly from Pensilvania, which being so very nigh they easily remove thither, and their Handicraft Tradesmen have encouragement where they endeavour to sett up the Woollen and Linnen Manufactures. And there is great incouragement for illegall Traders, for privateers, or rather pyrats; which two things cause a great many Seamen to run from his Majesty's Ships in these parts, especially from the Virginia and Maryland Convoys, as also from the Merchant ships, which is one reason that they do not get soon loaded, especially this year: for by what Accounts I have, above one hundred seamen have left this Fleet. And if your Lordships please Cap^t Charles Wager the Commadore but especially Cap^t Iosiah Daniel Commander of his Majesty's hired ship the Prince of Orange, and his two Lieutenants M^r William Ockman, and M^r Isaac Young can informe Your Lordships about a privateer, and the run away seamen. And the Commanders of the Merchant Ships in their petition to the Commadore for