

Lib. J. R. but it does not merit the Name of a ffortress, neither can  
& U. S. it ever be made tenable

There are about 140 Indians in Maryland who reside in the populous parts of the Country on several Tracts of Land that have been reserved for their Use since the English first settled here, these domestic Indians are well inclined and live in good Harmony with the Inhabitants.

The Shawanese, Delaware, and Susquehanna Tribes, many of whom lived lately in Pensilvania, and the rest on the Ohio are all that can be called neighbouring Indians, they have been computed at about 700, or 800, but as the pensilvanians have been more conversant with these people Governour Morris will give a more exact Account of them. 'till last Summer they have been always esteemed Friends to the English but since the Action of the Monongahela they have attached themselves to the ffrench, and depopulated the Frontiers of this and the two adjacent provinces.

What is the strength of the ffrench on the Ohio at this time we cannot learn; it has been said by Deserters thence last Spring that their Garrisons on that River consisted of 1000 regular Troops, and that they are about to settle some Colonies under their protection. what the Consequences of their executing such a Scheme will be, and how these Colonies must be affected thereby is too well known to your Lordships for me to notice it.

The Revenue within this Government arises and is appropriated by several Acts of Assembly (viz<sup>t</sup>) ever since 1661 a Port Duty of 14<sup>d</sup> p: Ton, on all Ships and Vessels trading into this province has been due to and received by the Right honourable the Lord proprietary thereof. From the payment of this Duty Ships and Vessels wholly belonging to the Inhabitants, are exempted.

p 120 Ever since the year 1714. 3.. p: Ton on all Vessels as above has been collected for the use of the Governor for the time being.

In 1704 a perpetual Law was made to raise 12<sup>d</sup> a Hhd: upon Tobacco for the Support of Government.

At the same time was made another perpetual Law whereby twelve pence Current Mony was laid on every 100<sup>lb</sup> of dried Beef, and Bacon, the like sum on every Barrel of Pork, and Beef undried, exported by any persons not Inhabitants, these Duties are applied to the maintaining a Free School.

In 1715 was imposed and has been ever since collected for the Use of the Publick 3<sup>d</sup> p: Gallon, on all Rum, Wine, Brandy, and Spirits, 20/ p.. Poll on Negroes and Irish Servants being papists, imported: if the Importation be made in