

Lib. J. R.
& U. S. Sir

Whitehall 7th of January 1758..

It is with great Concern that I am to acquaint you with the Death of her Royal Highness the Princess Caroline which happened on Wednesday the 28th past about eleven o'Clock in the Morning. I have however the Satisfaction to inform you that the King enjoys perfect good Health, tho' his Majesty has been much affected with this melancholy Event. I am, Sir, your most obed^t humble Serv^t

I have received your Letters of July 20th & Oct^r 22^d

W.. Pitt.

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

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I did not receive yours of the 25.. of January until the Evening of the 2^d of February I immediately appointed Captain Browne to meet me at Chester Town on the 6th Upon my going up to Town I received a Letter from him acquainting me he was in a Slight Fit of the Pleurisie, upon which I inclosed him your Letter, and gave him my Advice to act immediately, or to let me know he would not. The Captain continued very unwell some Time, but as I had found Fault with him at our last Meeting for his Delay, he thro' (it appears to me) an over Anxiousness to keep clear of that Blame for the future, appointed the Parade at Worton Warehouse on the 13th when thro' the excessive Badness of the
p. 226 Weather, and the Shortness of the Time no Provision was got down, and if it had there was no Probability of setting off as two Vessels intended to have been made Use of for that Occasion were both froze fast and no Possibility of getting them out. The Friday following was then appointed by which Time the Stores were all lodged, when one of the Vessels had cut out off the Ice and was gone upon another Voyage. Another Vessel at some Distance was then pressed, but thro' Badness of the Weather high Wind and low Tides has not been able to get down to them. The Men in Number about forty five have been at the Bay Side ever since: I saw the Captain yesterday he seems to have suffered a good Deal (suppose his Men much more) he informs me two of them are very ill. he expects to set off, on this Day or to Morrow for Patapsco, and hopes your Excellency will lodge Orders for him there directing him how to act. Captain Browne has promised me a List of those Persons he shall return, which when received I will immediately inclose. I am very