

Lib. J. R. entertaining opinions that they now have in their Possessions
 & U. S. large Quantities of Arms &c We but the other day heard of
 p. 40 it, and not till after it had been the publick talk (no particular
 application having been made to us) since which we have as
 privately enquired as may be into the foundation of the most
 material of many Reports that are now publickly talk'd off,
 and the most we learn is That some time in April or begin-
 ning of May last two Vessels at different times went up a
 Small Branch of Boh^a River (very little frequented by Ves-
 sels) which leads to the Seat of the Jesuits in this County
 from whence they Shortly returned, and that enquiry being
 made of them by Several People about the Ferry no Satisfac-
 tory answer was obtained nor do they know of any kind of
 Business they had. That about the same time a very intelli-
 gent Negro Boy coming from the Priests Mill early one
 Evening met in the Road where any Goods would be Carted
 probably from Vessels coming up that Branch to the Priests,
 his Mullatto Fellow driving a Team Loaded with Hay, that
 as he passed the Team he observed the Muzzles of a Parcell
 of very bright fire Arms at the Bottom of the Waggon under
 the Hay, and that he might not be mistaken turn'd his Horse
 short round and is sure they were Guns. That a French
 Doctor who lives in Pensilvania but not more than 6 miles
 from the Jesuits has been missing more than once or twice
 and that for a long time together when no one could give any
 Account where he was gone or what after, but it is strongly
 suspected back to the French, That another Frenchman has
 been Seen in the neighborhood who was supposed to be
 entertained by the Priests and who has lately been seen
 at this French Doctors. That another very impertinent
 fellow who has its said traveled much back has been at
 the Priests, and is Since we hear taken up in Baltimore
 on some such Suspicion. We have further to Say, that
 we are assured the late M^r Ja^s Heath of this County had a
 great Quantity of Fire Arms, Cutlasses, Cartouch Boxes
 Horns &c by him at a time and that its being pretty loudly
 talked off, he sent them over to the other Bay and its sup-
 posed to Philadelphia.

We should not have taken the freedom to trouble your
 Excellency but that the minds of the People seem uneasy and
 that by the slightness of the Evidence & the length of Time
 it has been so much talked off, we knew not what best to do
 at first we thought of a Search, which we have since heard
 the Priests expected but on considering the whole Matter
 determined to lay it before your Excellency well knowing
 your good Nature would overlook this should you consider it
 as a trifeling matter, and that if you do not you'l furnish us