

& where the Shiriffs on Public Occasions resort four times a year. The Objection of his Non-residence on the East shore rise on Conception of his presence necessary to fix the Rent of Land Tracts; But that you remark is the Duty of the Shiriffs and Farmers who may be charged with the Rents & whose Interest it is to recover Them: However, care must be had that the Rent-Roll-Keepers charge the Rent in the Debt Book, an Omission of Mr. Tyllman late Keeper of that Roll, from whom I apprehend, considerable Loss to the late Lord & the present. Y^r Observation, that the Recev^r Gen^l sho^d be an Inhabitant at Annapolis is Suitable, it wo^d prevent delays of doing business which must happen by his Absence from that City, the Rendevous on all public & private concerns; but at this Juncture his Lord^{ps} thinks displac^{ing} him improper as it may occasion discontent, the imbroil of Public affairs of this, my Letter to M^r Lloyd Read & close the Seal to him.

The Affair of Priest Breadnall before the Provincial Court no Evidence appearing you say, the Affair Dropt, Offenders so Accused, My Lord relies & trusts no Person holding Jurisdiction in his Province, will countenance or favour with the least hopes of escaping with Impunity, He deseirs you'l forward home Answers you receive from the Magistrates of the Counties, Ab^t the Roman Catholicks conduct, as it may be necessary to be laid before M^r Pitt Sec^r of State. He approves of y^r Narrative transmitted of matter passing be^t you & the Lo: H. Their Non-Support of the Garrison at ffort Cumberland is amazing the ffrontier actually under Invasion by the Enemy y^r recourse thereupon for fforce by the Militia undoubtably commendable & at a Crisis the only means left with you in defence of His Majesty's Dominion & his Subjects. Your well-tim'd service therein, may prove a Lucky Event; it may Inspire the Militia a fondness for Military reputation & become regulars in defence to their King & Country. My Lord approves & wishes it had taken y^r Proposition to S^r John S^t Clair & to Col: Boquet on their arrival at Congeheigh for making a Road from thence for the King's Troops to March from ffort Littleton in Pensilvania to ffort Cumberland, thence to Virginia; it must have been very beneficial to Maryland as from Protection & by Sale of Corn & Cattle, Troops meeting at that place. Had the Lo: Ho. Enabled you but to a begun the Road, the General's Aid wo^d necessarily a follow'd, as the pass is nearest & not so Difficult as by Ray's Town in Pensilvania to Virginia. The Loss of that point is a real distress to Maryland.