

Lib. J. R. lences and Murthers have been lately Committed on the In-
 & U. S. dians under the Protection of His Majesty, and whose Tribes
 are at present, in Peace and Amity with His Majesty's Prov-
 inces, and that the Offenders have not yet been discovered,
 and brought to Justice, and likewise that Settlements have
 been made on the back of the Provinces, without proper
 Authority, and beyond the Limits prescribed by his Majesty's
 Royal Proclamation of 1763, and in some places even beyond
 the utmost boundaries of any Province in America, and that in
 Consequence the Indian Nations, do every where discover
 discontents and resentments, which may endanger the Peace
 of His Majesty's Provinces and the Safety of his Subjects.

It is therefore his Majesty's Commands that you apply
 yourself in the most earnest manner to remedy and prevent
 those Evils, which are as contrary to the Rules of good Policy
 as of Justice and Equity.

The Violation of those Principles attended also with so
 many Dangers to the Provinces is what cannot be permitted.
 If a due Obedience had been paid to His Majesty's Royal
 Proclamation, and a due attention given to proper Restraints
 on the Conduct of the Indian Traders, these Evils would have
 been effectually avoided.

p. 439 His Majesty's Commander in Chief has received Express
 Orders to co-operate with the Civil Government for the en-
 forcing a due Obedience to that Proclamation; and his Maj-
 esty requires and expects every Measure to be taken which
 prudence shall dictate, for the removing such Settlers, pre-
 venting in future any such Settlements as are contrary to the
 Intention of it, and for apprehending such Offenders whose
 daring Crimes have so direct a tendency to Involve the whole
 of his Majesty's Provinces in America in an Indian War.

I am with great Truth and Regard Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Deputy Governor of }
 Maryland. }

Shelburne.

The following is an Answer to the above Letter from the
 Earl of Shelburne One of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries
 of State.

My Lord

Since I had the honour to receive your Lordship's Letter
 dated the 13th of Sept^r last I have made Enquiry but cannot
 find that any Violence hath been Committed within this
 Province on any Indian since the Conclusion of the late War
 nor have any Lands been granted in Maryland beyond the
 Limits described in his Majesty's Proclamation of 1763. if