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Attempts have been made to discover him of that Metal, none has been yet made that quitted us;

The Number of white Inhabitants is 107962, of Blacks and Mulattos 116225, in the Year 1750. The Whites were about 94000, and Blacks 3600, since that time near 20000 Germans have been imported, and perhaps 5000 from Great Britain and Ireland.

The Number of the Militia is 16500, but as they are for the most part quite unprovided, or very ill supplied with Arms, and for want of a good Militia Law, not properly regulated, they are not very formidable.

Strong places of Defence within this Government there are none. Fort Cumberland where the Troops commanded by General Braddock rendezvoused, and encamped before they marched against the Enemy last Summer is in this Province, but it does not merit the Name of a Fort, neither can it ever be made terrible.

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 Pennsylvania, 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 Pennsylvaniaans have been more conversant with these people Governor 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 French, and depopulated the Frontiers of this and the two adjacent Provinces.

What is the strength of the French on the Ohio at this time we cannot learn it has been said by Deverters thence last Spring that their Garrison 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.

The Revenue within this Government arises and is appropriated by several Acts of Assembly vizt. now since 1664 a Port Duty of 14. 6s. for every ship and Vessel trading into this Province has been due and received by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietory thereof from the Payment of this Duty Ships and Vessels wholly belonging to the Inhabitants, are exempted.

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