

panies of Changers accordingly " from our receiving no Letters from the  
General since those dated the 22 of June we Apprehend that those  
Indian Parties have cut off the Communication between him & Fort  
Cumberland & taken the Sumers. I am about to depart for Frederickton  
where I have given Orders for all the Military Officers of that City to meet  
to try what can be done with the Militia for the Defence & Protection of  
our distant Inhabitants, I propose to draft a Company of 60 or 80 from  
the Militia by Lot & oblige them to keep ranging on the Frontiers for  
a few Months without any Pay. Provisions they must improvise & take  
it where it can be found if Money be ever granted, the People from  
whom it is taken must be satisfied for the same, unless some such  
Step be taken The People will not be persuaded to stay on their Plan-  
tations being already struck with an universal Panick. The  
Representatives for Frederick & some of the other Citys on this Side  
the Bay would have gladly done any thing to obtain Assistance &  
protection but as the Gent<sup>l</sup> whose Counties are not so immediately  
exposed did not so sensibly feel for the Sufferings of the poor  
People as they would were they less retired from Danger all Proposi-  
tions for an Accommodation were vain & fruitless. The Laws are  
transcribed as low down as 1789 so that I hope to have them bound  
& fit to be sent by the very next Opportunity

Ford Baltimore, July 9<sup>th</sup> 1755

My Ld,  
Inclosed is a Duplicate of the last Lett<sup>r</sup> that I took the  
Liberty to address to your L<sup>ty</sup> & I heartily wish the Contents of what  
I am now writing were more agreeable than the News that I then  
communicated. When the Gent<sup>l</sup> of the Lower House came to the  
Resolution that your Lordship was before advised of, I was not without hope  
that they would fall on some unexceptionable Means to raise a small  
Sum of Money for the Protection of your Lordships Tenants who  
are exposed to the Incroachments & Devastations of the French & their  
Savages by whom 26 of the distant Inhabitants have already perished  
however I with sorrow find that they will set nothing in Competition

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