

to transmit by the next opportunity of Conveyance that may offer.
I shall perhaps then write from Annapolis whether I shall return as
soon as our Fort is a little farther advanced so that the Frontier
Inhabitants may think themselves more secure. My Presence here till that
time the Ignorance of both our Officers & Men with regard to
Fortification renders absolutely necessary & if I was away I doubt some
of the Country People or Labourers would submit to the Command
of any military Officers. A Party of Indians has lately cut off some
Families in Penn. about 20 Miles from this place & I hear that another
Party has again made an Incursion into Virginia & destroyed several
of the Inhabitants. The inclosed Gazette will shew you what has
happened also in this Province where alone I think the Indians
have suffered a certain Loss. The Virginians are about to build
a very expensive Fort at Winchester & it is reported they will
remove thither the Stores from Fort Cumberland & abandon that
Place. I have not lately received any Advice from the Northward
but by what I can find our Troops in that Part of the Continent
are not expected to perform great Exploits this Season. General Aber-
crombie & the Forces that embarked with him are arrived & Lord Loudon
with two more Regiments is daily expected. Your Favour by General
Webb I have received & in Consequence thereof begun a Correspondence
with that Gent^l. I hope You believe that I shall always pay the
greatest Regard to Your Recommendations & endeavour to shew on every
Occasion that I am &c.

Copy of a Letter to Lord Baltimore dated Annapolis the 20th of Aug^r.
My Id. In my last which I did myself the honour to write to Your L^{ty}
from Fort Frederick the 12th of July I inclosed a Copy of the Instructions
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