

Flight of the Pennsylvanians from the Western Parts of that Province,
has left our Northern Frontier beyond Monocacy much exposed, the
Enemy has now free Access to the thro' Penn.^a & if some Measures are
not speedily taken for the Defence of that Colony, neither Fort Fre-
derick nor its Garrison can be of much Service; for our People will
follow the Pennsylvanians Example, a Passion very different from true
Patriotism or Courage seeming to have entire Possession of their Souls.
Beside the Garrison of Fort Frederick we have at present 200
Men from the Militia of Baltimore & Prince Georges Counties dis-
tributed on this Side that Fort & about Caregochigh, yet that
Settlement is I am advised almost broke up & several hundred Persons
have lately retreated thence & retired to the more populous Part of the
County. Thus My Lds to these Colonies face the horrid Consequen-
ces of each others Negligence, vain must be the Efforts of any single one
of them & Nothing less than a united Exertion of their Strength can
secure any from all the Calamities of an Indian War: To put a
Stop to the Incursions & Devastations of these Barbarians they must
act in conjunction & not content themselves with building Forts on
their own Frontier, Let a Body of Men be marched to the West-
ward & another Expedition be undertaken by these Colonies before the
Enemy have farther strengthened themselves on the Ohio & the Indians
as well as their French Conductors will find other Business than
that which they have for this twelve Month most successfully pursued.
But alas this Proposition is not likely to meet with our Assemblies Con-
currence, neither will they be prevailed on to carry on an Offensive
instead of a defensive War the Experience teaches us that the latter
cannot avert our Ruin. I have now given Your Lordship a true
Account of the Situation of Your Ldps & the Neighbouring Provinces
opened to Your Ldp the Prospect that presents itself at this Conjun-
ture: Much will depend on the Resolutions of our Assemblies who are
all,