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Edw's Regard for him by any Remittance from this Province. You know
that if it had been possible, I was to have reimbursed Myself by some
Means or other the £50 I had Ann. that I was ordered to remit for Mr. M^r.
We but hitherto I have paid every Shilling of that Money out of my
own Pocket & must I perceive still continue to do so. Beside this I
have found Myself under a Necessity of advancing several Sums that
I shall never be repaid, particularly £35 for Copying the Laws that
were sent to the Board of Trade, & of expending large Sums during
Tournies undertaken for His Majesty's Service, & that of the Province. Add
to this what I have given to my Secretary for want of Power & an op-
portunity of appointing him to some place of Profit as I expected I should
be able to do when I left England. This I mention lest His L^{dy}
should require the £100 for Mr. Wogan at my hands & that you may
know it is not in my Power to raise such a Sum by any Scheme
whatever. With respect to all the Officers who are benefitted by the sale
of Lands they find a prodigious Difference between the Income of their
Places at this time & before the Inhabitants were deterred from making
Surveys near the Frontiers. I have been told, that before I came into
the Province, the Chancellor's Fees from Frederick County alone have
amounted to near £100, but I can assure you that all the Tob^o
that I receive in a Year for affixing the Great Seal will not sell
for as much as I am required to remit you annually. When the time
will mend who can foretell? but I may venture to pronounce that if
our Affairs do not assume a better Face soon the most frugal of us will
be unable to make any great Addition to their Fortunes. It gives me
a good Deal of Concern to be obliged to make such a Representation
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