

are proved I cannot conclude this article without observing that if my hands had  
not been tied up by such Instructions as are now in force I should  
many Months ago have had a Regiment of his Majesty's Troops under my Command  
& in all probability have been enabled to prevent any Encroachments of Indians into this  
Province & thereby have saved a great part of the Lives which the Sd<sup>o</sup> Agent tells  
me he has lost by the Black Indians destroying their plantations to avoid the  
Barbarities of the Savages. I am your self I suppose to persuade Myself  
to make the Treaty a present of some sum if he would recover his Affections  
let him do so, but I dare not speak lest it should be thought that I am courting  
the Peoples Favour at another Expence I am convinced to find the Instructions  
lately sent concerning Criminy Lynceus was given with so much Regret as that it  
is thought a great favour to spare you the Conception does not appear to many  
here in that light, I heartily wish for the Lordships sake more than my own that  
I had been advised to waive the Dispute about them before I was thro' your Interest  
honour'd with a Com<sup>o</sup> of the Lords Commissioners Our Assembly is now sitting & have  
pass'd a Bill for granting £40000. for the Majesty's Service but as it does not ex-  
empt the S<sup>o</sup> Lord's Lands from some Lands which he has order'd to be reserved in the  
proportion part of the Province from the Land Tax which is impos'd as one of the  
Funds for raising the Money I ought in Obedience to a Letter which I have lately  
received from the S<sup>o</sup> Lord to reject the Bill & be guilty of such reasoning as you  
know has been in answering the Superiours Instructions, but by what I hear thro  
the Lordsburg Council's best Friends will advise me very differently & insist on my  
obeying for once the S<sup>o</sup> Lord's Order, unless those Arms should happily once before by  
Bill can be oppos'd me, whether I shall be approved or condemn'd for this I cannot  
predict but am in hopes that the Arguments which may be used to convince His  
Lordship that the Preservation of his Province depends on a Supply Bills being  
pass'd at this juncture & that his S<sup>o</sup> Annual Proposition of the intended Tax will  
be less than the Interest of the Money which according to his Agents Account he lost  
last Year will accuse me for not insisting so strenuously on what the S<sup>o</sup> Lord & S<sup>o</sup> Lord  
distinguish by the Name of prerogative. I would not imply by any thing that has  
been said that I do approve of the Assembly's Conduct, on the contrary I think  
them absolutely inexcusable for the part they have acted on this occasion & if an Act  
of Civility in His S<sup>o</sup> had afforded me the least Room I would not have desisted of  
making them ashamed of their Behaviour & of rendering them odious to their own  
Constituents - My Journey to Fort Cumberland last Summer & in the Winter to  
New York where I was oblig'd to wait for & attend General Shirley now two Months  
put me to about £150. Expence for which I shall never receive more than thanks