

or near Conegochiegh. One of the Parties that Sagworthy sent out on the 11thth day
was a Party of the Enemy but could not come up with them as they left their Camp
ran off as soon as our Men appeared. I find the People of Frederick have been
terrified by these Accidents at least as much as those of Cumberland County & that
if your ^{inhabitants} should once begin to retire to the more populous parts of the
Province will instantly follow their Example. I am sorry to find that notwithstanding the un-
happy Condition of many of their Constituents your Assembly seem still determined to
persevere in their old Course & that the Ease & Satisfaction which you should have
enjoyed is to be all reserved for your Successor; but since that must be the Case I
hope he will be agreeable to your own Desire soon to receive you on Condition that our Trade
ship survives your Title & that you will after you become a private Gentleman continue
to favour me with your Correspondence. If your Assembly should continue the Act
for an Embargo please to advise me thereof that I may make the proposal to ours tho
I apprehend they will not be very fond of it & will be apt to ^{copy} that Virg. as well as
Penn^a should first set us an Example. They are to meet the 4th of Oct next to hear
what has been lately recommended to us & them by the Secretary of States Circular
Letters particularly by that concerning Indented Servants. Pray have you seen or can
you get me a Copy of the Act of Parliament that is said to have been made to improve
the Officers to enlist them. An Extract of such an Act has been produced here but
it is not authenticated. Some of our People question whether they are obliged to
pay strict Obedience thereto. The Officers however of the Nova Scotia Regiment
have enlisted great Numbers of our Servants & paid for some of them (whose Term
was about to expire) in proportion to the Purchase Money that their Masters gave
for them & the time they had to serve. A few of the Planters it is said have made
some Opposition & taken away their Servants from the Officers but I shall endeavour to
prevent any thing of that sort for the future, tho many of the Lower Class of People
will be ruined by these proceedings unless the Assembly grants them Relief. Pray how is
the Act relished in Penn^a. I shall only desire our Assembly to appropriate part of the
£40000 to reimburse the Masters whose Servants have or may enlist & as I have no
Favours to ask of them at this time they may possibly come to some Resolution by the
time that the Campaign ~~that~~ can be closed & Lord Loudoun send me further
how ended your Treaty with the Delawares. I believe their Name is not in great Esteem
with our back Inhabitants notwithstanding your Treaty & General Abercrombie's
Mr Wm Johnson's Lett^{rs} in their favour. That you may enjoy perfect health
be happy is the sincere Wish of D^r O'Brien