

at some time took before me the several Oaths directed to be by him taken on his
Appointment to the Government of that Province of which I have given a Certificate
to be by him transmitted to Your Ldps. & Mess^{rs} W^m Allen & Benj^m Chew who have
executed the inclosed Bonds are known to be Gentlemen of considerable Estate
in Pennsylvania & Joseph Shippen & Andrew Hamilton who have subscribed the same
as Witnesses are also Gentlemen of Character & Fortune - I am &c

To the Earl of Shelburne. - Annapolis 23 Decem^r: 1766

My Lord Since I had the honour to receive Your Lordships Letter dated the 13th
of Sept^r: last I have made Enquiry but cannot find that any Violence hath been
committed within this Province on any Indian since the conclusion of the late
War, nor have any Lands been granted in Maryland beyond the Limits de-
scribed in His Majestys Proclamation of 1763 or even to the Westward of Fort
Cumberland, if therefore any Settlement has been made on Lands to which the
Indians have any Pretensions it has not been by Persons claiming Protection under
this Government & Your Ldp may be assured that I shall never countenance
the making any Settlement that can possibly give the Indians the least Cause
of Offence & if any of the Inhabitants of this Province shall injure them in any
respect I will endeavour to have the Offender punished, but as there are on
the Frontiers of these Provinces Persons that support themselves by Hunting
& among them Men of no Character or Principle It will I am afraid be impossi-
ble to prevent such from going & building Houses or hobbins beyond the Limits
prescribed by the Royal Proclamation unless the Military to the Westward of
these Provinces are directed to destroy such Houses & otherwise to punish such
Offenders. Should I hear of any Transaction within or in the Neighbourhood of
this Province likely to give the Indians Uneasiness I shall immediately advise
both General Gage & Mr William Johnson thereof & will use all means in my power
to prevent the ill Consequences of such Uneasiness & to preserve Peace & Harmony
between the Neighbouring Indians & His Majestys Subjects in this Province