

Copy of the 22^d Letter to Mr Calvert dated the 4th of Sept. 1759. 5

His Having been just now told that a Vessel which it was expected would have carried for the Convooy will sail in a Day or two from Potucent for London I embrace the opportunity to inform You that very soon after the Reduction of Niagara the French who had garrisoned their Forts at Presquise on the South Side of Lake Erie, on Riviere au Beuf; & at Senango thought proper to abandon those Posts & retire to Detroit where it is said they have a very considerable Settlement. I have not indeed received any Letter to this Purpose from Brig: Stanwix; but I believe there is no room to doubt the Truth of the Acco^t. which as You will see by one of the inclosed Gazettes was brought to Pittsburg by three of our friendly Indians who had been up the Ohio for Intelligence. As You will likewise see in the inclosed Papers all the News that we have lately received from the Northward concerning the Operations of His Majesty's Forces in that Quarter I shall not trouble You with a Repetition but only add that I am

My Ld To Lord Baltimore. Annapolis. the 4th of Sept. 1759
It is with pleasure I now write to inform Your Ldp that very soon after the Reduction of Niagara the Enemy perceiving it would be impossible for them after that Event & after we should have Vessels on Lake Erie to hold any Post on the Head of the Ohio River thought fit to abandon & destroy the several Forts which they had built at Senango, Riviere au Beuf, & Presquise & to retire to their Settlement at Detroit, which lies as Your Ldp: knows between the Lakes Erie & Huron & is said to be a very considerable One. But notwithstanding the Affairs of the French on the Ohio seem to be desperate yet the Indians do still presume at times to annoy our People on their Way to Pittsburg & it is not long since they attacked a Captain's Command that