

either should be called, for they will both be wanted, at the same time.
Had not Mr. Bosc & the Officers already advanced so much Money that they
cannot advance any more. I would have advised them to send home a Person
to solicit their Affairs but as that is truly their Case, & it is so very uncertain
what will be the Issue or Success of any Application, that can be made
I did not press them to take that measure; however if You shall think it
necessary or proper for them to take any farther Steps after their Memorial
hath been presented be pleased to advise me. I will communicate to them what
ever You shall think expedient.

The Justices of Queen Anns
County having recommended as a proper Object of Clemency One Sam^l Os-
borne, who lately forfeited the Sum of £30. to the D^o Proprietary & have
taken the Liberty to mention the Man's Case to His Ex^{ty} hope that when
You lay before him the said Osborne's Petition He will be inclined to remit the
Forfeiture. In my Lett^r of the 2^d Inst, I advised You of the Com^{rs}
having thought proper immediately on the Reduction of Niagara to abandon
all the Forts which they had built at presquile on Lake Erie, & on the Head
Branches of the Ohio River; Since that Event the Indians are it seems all
become very tractable, nor have they lately presumed to annoy any of the King's
Forces which are employed to the Westward, or to commit any Act of Hostility what-
ever. What a lucky Expedition was that ag^t Niagara for these Colonies!
for by all Accounts if General Bourdieu had landed there two Days later
than he did, the French & Indians who were assembled at Venango, who were
so unsuccessful in their Attempt to relieve Niagara, would have fallen down the
Ohio & attacked Pittsburg at a time when its Garrison was weak & in want of
Provisions, the Fort not defensible, & Brig^{ad} Starbuck so far on this Side of it
with the Rest of his Troops, that it would have been impossible for him to have
sent the Garrison any Assistance. I was in hopes when I acquainted You the
13 of last Month with the Progress which General Mherst had then made.