

Letter Bk. III Parties that Dagworthy sent out on the Alarm discovered Ten of the Enemy but could not come up with them as they left their Luggage & 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 distant Inhabitants should once begin to retire to the more populous parts of Pens^a ours will instantly follow their Example. I am sorry to find that notwithstanding the unhappy 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 agreeable to Your own Desire soon relieve you on Condition that our Friendship 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 say that Virg^a as well as Pens^a should first set us an Example. They are to meet the 4th of Oct^r next to hear what has been lately recommended to us & them by the Secretary of State's 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 empower the Officers to enlist them. An Extract of such an Act has been produced here but as 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 Pens^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 can be closed & Lord Loudoun send me farther Orders. how ended Your Treaty with the Delawares? I beleive their name is not in great Esteem with our back-Inhabitants notwithstanding Your Treaty & General Abercrombie's & S^r W^m Johnson's Lett^{rs} in their favour. That you may enjoy perfect health & be happy is the sincere Wish of D^r S^r &c