

Liber K. Constrains us to give their Lordships & your self this Trouble, which at present we shall abbreviate leaving all to your sound Judgment & discretion in the management thereof for

	Your Friends & Serv ^{ts}	
To Mr Peter Paggen		L C:
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Maryland April 11th 1693

Sir

Yours of the 17th of March last & another from some of the Gentlemen of your Council of the 15th February preceeding to the Gov^r of this Province his Excellency hath been pleased to communicate unto us the which being laid before us & the Contents thereof duly considered we do in the first place render your Excellency our hearty thanks for your kind inclination & advice & then joyfully congratulate your happy Success in the late defeat given the Enemy. We are also sensible of the weighty Burden that lyes upon you in the maintaining and carrying on the War against the French & Cannida Indians, & we are very ready & willing to contribute what in us lyes towards your support & the defraying of your charge but cannot at present so Effectually pform the same as we would until the meeting of our Assembly which is to be on the 20th day of May next when we shall fully represent & lay before them the necessity of your condition & of our Assistance in your relief which we shall recommend with all the prevailing & pressing arguments we can Effectually to demonstrate & make appear the zeal we have for their Majestys Interest & your Service—

We have only to add that this day we discoursed the Frenchman & the King of those strange Indians lately come into our province & seated themselves at the head of our Bay as formerly we understand hath been intimated to your Excellency by our Governor the French man was at first Supposed or Suspected to be one Mons^r Casteene the grand Enemy of the English & one that hath committed much Spoil but since upon better Enquiry & examination we find our mistake and him another person named Martin Shortive & the Indians declare themselves a nation called Stabbernowles come from the Southward formerly fled from the Twittawees but how far to be credited we Cannot yet resolve however it is at present concluded to let them sit quiet, & treat them civilly untill our Assembly & then leave the whole matter to the more strict Examination & inquisition of that Body of the Province having appointed the Indians to attend at that time in order to a