

his exchanging Rent Rolls with Mr Thomas that is becoming Letter Bk. I.
Keeper of the Eastern Shore Rent Roll instead of the West-
ern, I hope I shall be soon able to inform his Ldp that Col^o
Lloyd accepts the proposal, as he promises to come over to
Annapolis immediately I wish nothing might intervene as
usual & prevent him. You will herewith receive Copies of
the Journals of the Proceedings of the two Houses during the
last Session & also Copies of the Acts of Assembly that were
then made which I hope His Ldp will approve of. I have
also sent His Ldp a Map of Prince Georges County which
has been surveyed agreeable to His Ldp's Instructions & I did
intend to have transmitted also by this same opportunity the
Rent Roll & Platts that I promised in my last but as the Capt
carries no Guns & has now stayed till a Fleet is going under p. 291
Convoy from Virginia the Garland being ordered to sail
thence with the Trade this Month I have thought it more
advisable to send the other Papers by that way as the Losses
that our Merchants suffered last year shew that the Risk
which homeward-bound Vessels that sail without Convoy run
is at this time very great. I can at last inform you for certain
that Ld Loudoun is gone from N York, the Ships of War
& Transports under the Command of S^r Cha^s Hardy left
Sandy Hook the 20th June & we hope that they & Admiral
Holborne's Squadron have eer this joined. Since my last the
People of this Province as well as the Inhabitants of Virg^a &
Pens^a have been exceedingly alarmed as I doubt not but you
will readily believe when you have perused the following Ac-
count. On the 18th June I received a Letter dated the 14th
from Fort Cumberland wherein Capt Dagworthy told me that
some Cherokee Indians who were just come thither from Fort
Du Quesne declared that there was a large Body of Regular
Troops & a great Number of Indians with a Train of Wag-
gons & some Artillery actually marching towards the Fron-
tiers of this Province. As this Account did not much differ
from what we had been bid to expect by some Prisoners that
made their Escape from the French in the Winter I could not
help giving some Credit to it & therefore on Sunday the Day
after I received Capt Dagworthy's Letter I set off for Fred-
erick Town with an Intention to assemble the Militia of that
County & to act in Conjunction with Colo. Stanwix or as His
Majesty's Service & the Motions of the Enemy should require.
On my arrival at Frederick Town I dispatched a Letter to
Colo Stanwix who was then at Carlyle to let him know that if
the Accounts which we had received were not contradicted
before that time I should proceed towards Fort Frederick on p. 292
the 23^d Ult with about 400 Men which I doubted not but I
should be able e'er then to assemble. At the same time that