

Original Journal. barous kind of Enemy are not obliged by carrying of any Baggage or Artillery to keep the improved Roads or pass by our Forts but can easily and Suddenly descend upon us over the unbeaten & unoccupied mountains as we have found by Experience

p. 219 2 We have several nations of Indians on our Frontiers some between us and New York and some to the Westward of us and wide of New York and some among us who are frequently committing Rapines and Murders on our frontier Inhabitants to secure whom as well as the Province in General this Province has within this 3 years been at the charge of many hundred thous^d pounds of Tob^o & tho we have for this last 3 or 4 months been quiet by the winter Season we are in great Fears of new Incursions in the Spring having no Assurance of their faithfulness to us

3 We have no means of raising mony but by Imposition of Goods Exported and Imported of which Commodities as Exportation of Tob^o is twenty times more than all the rest and in laying any thing upon that we are constrained to be very tender by occasion of the Duty payable on the Same in England and the Commission that is thereby advanced to the Merch^t for whom the same is consigned for Sale

4 To raise mony by Tax on the Inhabitants is utterly impracticable here for there is Several hund^d Familys nay the greatest Part of the whole Province have not 5^s by them nor any means to raise it because there is very little amongst us and that a base Coin that is not Current with our neighbours nor have we any Liberty yet from his Majesty to advance coin so as to introduce it among us by means whereof the best in the Province are oftentimes put to a Streight to procure mony for their travelling pocket Expences

p. 220 5 This Province has several Times heretofore been reduced to very great Extremity and Danger by those very Nations on our back to the impoverishing and almost destruction of the men & Substance of this Province which we always sustained without any Assistance from New York or any other neighbour Government except Virginia who was equally Concerned in the same at Some times

6 The great Charge We have lately been at in raising mony to build a Statehouse free School church and Prison on a new Seat of Government att Annapolis hath putt on us another great Burthen which is not yet discharged

7 That it may be Considered how far the mony will compass the designed End and when all our neighbours (under better Circumstances than we) has not answered their Proportion and how discouraging it will be to us to remitt our Treasure and Strength to New York and lay our Nakedness