

U. H. J. who put every Artifice they Can think of in Practice to bring them
 Liber No. 34 over to their Interest.
 May 10

As to other Matters I have nothing in Particular to recommend to you but the Ordinary Allowances for the Support of Government and Defence of the Country, which I hope were so happily Settled last year as not to Admitt of any Room for Disputes between the several Branches of the Legislature for the future

Tho I should think, if Time Could be found for such an undertaking that a Proper Revisal of our Laws, might have the happiest Consequences, as the Effectual Security of Property in any Country must always be the Greatest Inducement to honesty and Industry, the true Sources of Wealth & happiness

And indeed our Natural Advantages, as to Soil & Climate are such, that I cannot help thinking it must be in some Measure our Own faults, if we do not Improve our Condition to a very Great Degree; and I flatter myself we have made a happy Begining, by our Inspection Law, which, I have the Satisfaction to find meets with a general Approbation at home, Tho I have not had as yet the Pleasure of hearing Our Lord Proprietarys Sentiments upon the Subject But there is no reason to Doubt of his Lordships Approving so Necessary a Law, which there Can be no Just Exception to in the Main, tho it may Possibly be mended in some Particulars.

Philadelphia 25 Jan^{ry} 1747

Sir

I have the Pleasure to Inform you that the Indians Seated on the Branches of Ohio & to the South & West of Lake Erie (Places within the bounds of Virginia, Maryland & Pensilvania) have this last Summer shewn great Zeal for his Majestys Interest in those Parts, and by their Seasonable Declarations of War, have Prevented some very bad Designs of the Governor of Canada which wou'd otherwise have taken Effect. This Came to be known first by a Letter Sent to this Government from some of the Six Nations & other Indians Seated at Canayahaga a Place on or near the River Conde which Runs into the Lake Erie, who sent down a French Scalp in token of their having begun Hostilities against the French and their Indians The trades afterwards Confirmed this, with this further Circumstance, that the French Governor had sent the hatchet to those Indians & that they had Rejected it at the same Time leting the French Governor know that they were heartily for the English & would fight for them & not against them; This Determined our Government to give them all the Encouragement Possible and while they were Deliberating in what manner to Convey to the Indians a Quantity of goods bought for their use, ten Warriors Living at Ohio came fortunately to Philadelphia, to Remonstrate against the backwardness of the English, and to tell them Plainly that unless they