

P. R. O. for Four hundred and fifty three pounds Ster^l were sent to them in the last from S^r Thomas Lawrence he did excuse the non payment of that money at that time the Revenue being indebted and promised care should be taken in the next Assembly which I believe is now effected by your conduct. I have sent you a Copy of my Treaty with the five Nations of Indians whereby you will preceive how they are apprehensive of the inequality of their burthen of the Warr and have patcht up a Peace with Canada which I was obliged to acquiese with not being in a condition to make Warr upon them it will be much the concern of Maryland as well as of other Provinces that the Indians be kept stedfast to the English and the Frontiers of this Province better secured were there sufficient Force to justify all our Posts this had not gone so farr and I doubt not yet to reclaim them I have proposed a new scheme of a joynt assistance which is inclosed the like is sent to Sir Edmund Andros so desire you will consider of it—Count Frontiniack is at Mount Royall with considerable Forces hath some design, I have sent to discover his motion and give you a Copy of the Intelligence.

I am Sir
your Ex^{ty}s humble servant
Benjⁿ Fletcher.

Gov^r Maryland.

Answer to the foregoing letter as followes viz :

St. Maries City
Oct^r 18th 1694.

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Y^r Exc^{ys} letter of the 24th of Sept^r past with inclosed papers I rec^d the w^{ch} were communicated to the Councill the eighth day of Oct^r inst. and so sent down to the House of Burgesses together with his Ma^{tes} Royall Letter of the 11th Oct^r 1692 relating to the assisting your Frontiers &c against the French and Canida Indians and y^r the state of the whole matter might be fully known I caused the severall letters and papers passing betwixt the two Governm^{ts} to be likewise laid before the House; an answer whereto the inclosed paper is a copy the Gent^{rs} of the Councill agreeing and assenting to the same.

The other inclosed paper is copy of the Councills reasons why the Forraigne Indians w^{ch} came into this Governm^t about two years agoe with intent to settle should not be entertained among us.

I find the revenue of this Province to be very precarious and the Governm^t altogether destitute of any Banck or Fund of money and which is worse is at present much in arrears