

of this Province, have not entrusted me with the Management or Disposal
of any publick Money, nor granted any Sum for Indian Affairs in general
as the Assemblies of some of the Colonies have done; They have indeed made
Provision for the Encouragement of such Indians as shall act in Conjunction with
our Forces or annoy our Enemies, but they are not to receive any Part of the
Money that is appropriated for their Encouragement unless they first do some real
Service. When the first Party of Cherokees came to this Province, which they
did in April last our Assembly was sitting & on my laying before them the Message
which the Indians had sent me, they granted a Sum of Money for a small
Present to be sent them together with my Answer & at the same time desired
me to have it signified to that Party & all our Indian Allies that for
every Indian Enemy which they should take prisoner & deliver at either of
our Forts & for every Indian Enemy's Scalp which they should give up to be
destroyed by any one of our Magistrates they should receive the Sum of Fifty
Pounds. They had not been long with us before they fell in with a Party of
the Enemy & returned to Fort Frederick, with two Indian Prisoners & four Scalps.
The Prisoners they would on no Account deliver up, consequently they could not
under our Act of Assembly claim any Allowance for them, but the Gent^l who carried
them my Answer to their Message found themselves at Liberty to give them
£200 worth of Goods for the Scalps, which Goods as well as the Present that I
had sent them were kindly received, & in their Reply they made great Professions
of Friendship. As often as any of these Indians have come into this Province they
have been furnished with as much Provision as they stood in need of, & I am persua-
ded that in that respect none of them will ever complain of the Treatment that
they meet with in Maryland, but as I have already observed to You it is not in
my power to order them any Presents unless they first produce some Prisoners or
Scalps, nor to reward them for ranging over so much on our Frontiers if they do not
happen to be successful. The Cherokees I observe, alledge that the Virginians
promised them two pieces of Stroud for every Scalp that they should bring in
but that altho they have brought in several Scalps No Strouds have been yet
given