

will subject themselves to by continuing the present Method as I am apt to
think that such a Consideration will have its Weight with our People & I do not
think it would be amiss for You to observe that while the Indians are incouraged
to run from One place to another for Rewards their Service is lost to all of us, You
may also assure me that His Majesty will expect us to conform to Your Regul-
tion with respect to the Management of these Indians which will justify me in
insisting upon the Repeal of that part of our Act whereby a Reward is
allotted for such Scalps as shall be taken by our Indian Allies & support the
Arguments that I may urge to persuade them to adopt Your Scheme. When the
Assembly met last I earnestly recommended it to them to make some Pro-
vision for the payment of such Persons as I should order to supply any of our
Indian Friends that may come to or pass thro this Province with such Victuals
as they may stand in Need of but they would not grant any Sum of Money
for that purpose, Indeed they did as it were promise to pay for any Provision
that should be sold to them at Fort Frederick but it is a Doubt whether
Mr Prop will ever receive any Allowance for what has been or shall be given to
them at Fort Cumberland. I should think that the best Way for You to
carry Your Scheme effectually into Execution would be to represent the propriety
& Expediency of it to the Ministry & if they shall be pleased to approve thereof
the Governours of these Provinces may expect to receive Instructions to pass no
Act relative to Indian Affairs unless it be entirely consonant to Your plan &
to get any Act that has been already made & interferes therewith repealed. I lately
received a Letter from Colo Stanwix wherein he pressed me to empower Mr
Craghan to purchase & in my Name to deliver a Present to the Cherokee that
were then with him but I was obliged to tell him that I could not comply
with his Request as the Assembly had not left any publick Money
my Disposal. When I gave Capt Peasis a Commission in our Province
I did not intend to take him from the Indians or to restrain his Service to his