

the protection of the Frontiers of this Province. Apprehending from some Reports which I had before heard that some of the Ohio Indians might be concerned in the Plot I forthwith sent particular Instructions to the commanding Officer of the Militia in our Frontier County thereby putting him on his Guard & ordering him to have some Parties ready to act for the Defence & Protection of the Inhabitants in case the Suspicions entertained of the Indians evil Intentions should prove well founded. I have since sent him both Arms & Ammunition & such other Instructions as the Behaviour of the Indians & the Condition of our Frontier Inhabitants seemed to make necessary, & in pursuance of my Orders some Parties of Militia have marched & are disposed of & posted on our Frontier for the Protection of the Settlements, the Gentlemen of our Council being of Opinion with me that this Measure was the best & readiest way of covering or protecting them. I am glad to find by Your Excellency's Letter that altho the Indians had actually invested both Fort Pitt & Detroit You did not seem to be under great Pain about those Posts but entertained hopes that the Troops You had collected & ordered thither would arrive in time to check the Depredations of those perfidious Barbarians. I am &c

To the Lords of Trade. Annapolis 20 July 1763

My Lords

Having last Monday had the Satisfaction to receive Your Lordship's Letter dated the 29 of April whereby You were pleased to signify to me His Majesty's Commands concerning the Appointment of a Day of publick Thanksgiving within this Province on Account