

Sir,

^{Philad^a}
In Council, April 4. 1787.

With this you will receive a Number of printed Copies of an Act of Assembly lately passed, respecting the Settlers from Connecticut in your County. The Spirit of Concension and Good-Will of the Legislature towards those Settlers, manifested by this Act, in attending so readily to their Petitions, and in giving them so fair an Opportunity of establishing their Claims and quieting their Possessions for themselves and their Posterity, will we are persuaded have its proper Effect on the prudent and reasonable Majority, who can set a just Value on the Blessings of Peace and Good Government, and we hope therefore that the Endeavours of a few restless Individuals, if such should remain, who may expect to find their own private and separate Advantage in public Troubles, will not have any Effect in disturbing this Commencement of Harmony, which in its Completion will secure to the Inhabitants not only the Lands that have been in question, but the additional Advantage of our excellent Constitution, and the Protection of one of the principal States in the Union. You will observe the Directions of the Act in making it publick, and you may assure the People that the good Disposition of Council towards them is not inferior to that which has been manifested by the General Assembly.

I am, Sir,

Your humble servant,

B. Franklin, Secy.

To Lord Butler, Esquire
High Sheriff of the County of Limerick

Sir,

Phila.^a June 25. 1784.

The Justices of the Peace for the County of Luzerne are destitute of the laws of the State. It seems that heretofore Justices of the Peace have been furnished with the laws at the expence of the State: the Justices of Luzerne have expressed their hopes that they may be supplied in the same way; and requested me to make the application in their behalf. — I beg leave to express my hopes also, that they may be so furnished; otherwise I fear they will, for the most part, remain unprovided, & the laws unexecuted. At the same time it is proper that I should add, that there was manifested a general disposition to conform to the laws, with great punctuality; and many were solicitously enquiring what were the laws in particular cases, that they might not transgress them.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your Excellency's
most obed.^t servant
J. Pickering

His Excellency
The President
of the State

1787 From Timothy
June 3 Pickering Esq.
Prothonotary of
Luzerne County