or Mr. Elliot mention him which surprises and distresses me — I shall answer your letters by Lofthouse in the Meantime, desire Mr. Forbes not to pay the least attention to idle stories with respect to the Georgians invading this Province there has a few settlements been broke up by them on Saint Marys by way of retaliating for the mischief that a Privateer has done them from this Province but they never can attempt this Town as long as there is a Garrison of 1000 men to defend it — I have the pleasure to inform You that Your Family was well the beginning of this month — My Smith has removed them to Charlestown and she shall not want the necessaries to render them as comfortable as the times will permit — I am Dr Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Serv.

Wm. Panton

ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

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Dear Father St. Augustine 15th Sept. 1776

The last letter I wrote you was from Gwyn's Island in Virginia in June time which I have not received any letters from you nor long before — about the latter end June we were obliged to leave Gwyns Island the night after we left it Blue Ury hard by which a great many of the Vessels lost their anchors & cables, some were lost, & some drove ashore, next day the remainder got into Potowmack, where Lord Dunmore took possession of a small Island on the Maryland side Call'd St George, But there was not sufficient water in the Island for the whole Fleet, the Roebuck the Dunmore & 2 Transports were sent up the River for fresh water for the Fleet after they came down the Fleet had orders to get in readiness to go to sea, about thirty Vessels were Burnt that were found incapable to proceed on the 6th of August the Otter man of War with about thirty Vessels under her Convoy left Virginia sixteen of which were Bound to Bermudas & the West India & fifteen for this place, out of which some Then that were Bound to this place from But two Vessels belonging to Mr. Mitchell & the Otter & her tender