

[Gov. John Penn to Sharpe.]

Original.

Philadelphia March 11th 1766.

Sir

I lately received Information that one of the Six Nation Indians returning from the Cherokee Country, was murdered on the 11th of January last on the Road between Fort Cumberland and Fort Bedford within this Province. I intended to have issued a Proclamation offering a Reward for discovering and apprehending the Murderer, but finding by the Examination of Cap^t Lemuel Barrit who lives near the place where the Indian was found, that there is great reason to believe the murder was committed by one Samuel Jacobs, who is said to have fled into the back parts of Virginia or Maryland, I think it most adviseable to defer my Proclamation 'till I have first tried every other means in my power to secure the offender.

I take the liberty of enclosing you Cap^t Barrils disposition and description of Jacobs's person, at the same time requesting you will cause Strict Search to be made for him throughout your Province, as you must be sensible of the ill Consequences that will ensue if all necessary Steps are not pursued in order to bring to Justice this lawless Villain, as well to convince the Indians of our good Intentions towards them, as to deter others from the same Conduct, which if we cannot fall upon some means of putting a Stop to, we may reasonably expect to be again involved in the Miseries of another Indian War.

I shall make S William Johnson acquainted with this unhappy affair and the measures taken to give our Friends the Six Nations all the Satisfaction in our power, that he may represent the matter in a proper light to them, so as to prevent any ill Consequences that might otherwise happen from their Resentment. I have the Honor to be with great Regard

Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
John Penn

His Excellency
Governor Sharpe.

[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

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The Rev^d M^r Tho^s Alkin, the Bearer, has been Introduced to Lord Baltimore's notice by the Earl of Dartmouth, first Lord Commissioner of Trade and Plantations, with the recommendation of a very Deserving Gentⁿ, and one very fit to be Entrusted with the care of a Parish under his Lordships Protection. His Lordship, having Justly a great regard and attention for Lord Dartmouth, has been pleased to accept his