

Lib. C. B. not, by this, presume to direct in what manner you shall prove your Jurisdiction but let you know, that ultimately I must judge of the Proofs you are pleased to offer, Agreeable to Law according to the best of my Understanding

Further, I request that what ever Papers have been or shall hereafter be transmitted to me, concerning this affair, may be legally certified and attested. Not that I have the least Diffidence of the Honour of your Government, but to avoid the just Censure of Allowing less than Authentick Testimonials in a matter of so great importance.

The part of your Letter which endeavours to account for a peremptory demand of the Prisoner without proofs, is very kind, in presuming me unapprized of Facts done on the borders above one hundred Miles from the City of Philadelphia, and so many Years before I came to the Government, and in declaring you could not harbour the least thought of my intention to countenance such a bold Violation of his Majestys Order. In return I declare I never heard of Kitzmiller or his Dispute with M^r Digges untill this Sad Disaster, and now all the fruits I am like to reap from them are my concern for an unfortunate Father and a great deal of anxiety and trouble, Surely all Persons must be unconcerned about the Places of Tryal except for the Sake of Justice, which shall be inviolably observed by me, to the utmost of my Skill and power I am

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Philadelphia 22^d May 1752

James Hamilton

The Honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq^r

Which being read and considered of, and the following Answer prepared thereto It is the Advice of this Board that the same be sent by his Honour the President to the Governor of Pensilvania

Sir

My Delay in answering your Letter of the 22^d of May but which was not received before the 20th of June proceeded from
 p. 493 a Willingness to give you as little Trouble as may be by transmitting to you at once all the proofs which might be necessary to Support Our Claim of Jurisdiction in the place where M^r Digges son was murdered. But the Distance which is near 150 Miles from hence has put it out of my Power to prevent many Difficulties and Disappointments which have happened in pursuing my Directions, so that I am under a necessity of making this Answer rather than the Determination of an affair of this Consequence should be