

on him that he thereafter entertained Thoughts of leaving Maryland, and going back that he was afterwards confirmed in that Resolution by another Conversation that happened at Darby Tools—When M<sup>c</sup>Donald told him that he had no more Work for him, this Informant says he hired himself to one Darby Tool a Catholic, and worked for him about a fortnight, that he afterwards served one Thomas Burgen 8. or 9. Days, and then worked 10. or 12. days for one Joseph Renshaw, a protestant in that Neighbourhood: This Informant says also that happening after he had worked there to go to Darby Tools for his Wages in Company with M<sup>c</sup>Donald, at whose House he lodged, he met the priest there, and was in Company with him more than half an Hour that much was said by the Company and particularly by M<sup>r</sup> Neale at the time concerning the Act of Assembly for disarming Catholicks that M<sup>c</sup>Donald had before told him of, and that the priest spake much again about the Riches of the ffrench Nation, and to the same purport that he had before at M<sup>c</sup>Donale's that the Informant before the Company broke up declared his Inclination to go back to the ffrench Settlements, and that the priest thereupon said such a step would be much better than to work here for a Shilling or eighteen pence a Day, that he might be there able to live comfortably, that he was sure the ffrench would use him well and that as the Indians all traded with the French, he did not apprehend that he would find much Difficulty in getting to Venango, this Informant moreover saith that the priest asked him at the same time when he proposed to begin his Journey and said "If I see you before you go I will give you a Letter or Letters" the Informant says that 4 or 5 days after this as he was going from M<sup>c</sup>Donalds at one Ashmores for a Bottle of stilled Liquor, M<sup>r</sup> Neale met or overtook him in the Road that leads to Wheeler's, or the Chapple, and the Informant taking off his Hat the priest asked him how he did and when he intended to set off, on the Informants answering in three or four Days, he says the priest took out a packet & gave it him saying "If you reach Venango as I doubt not you will, deliver this to the ffrench Commandant who is a fat, jolly, Man, with one Eye and is called "

The Informant says the Priest also charged him to shew the Letters to no Body, nor to say any thing of them, asked him whether he had Money to bear his Expences and on his saying he had not much gave him a pistole, wished him a good Journey, and repeated again that he might depend on being well received and esteemed, the Informant saith that he never saw M<sup>r</sup> Neale since that time, that he tarried after that 3. or 4. Days at M<sup>c</sup>Donalds, and Tools, then left the

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