

Fort du Quesne to discover the Strength of the Enemy, and doubt not but we shall be able to take a French Prisoner and bring him in to you. Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

I hope to see the great Man you mentioned to me, and when he comes to Fort Frederick we will go out to War with him, and will behave like true Friends and Brothers to the English we don't know how many Cherokees will be upon the Frontiers this Spring.

Brother. I have heard M^r Atkins is appointed by King George to distribute the Presents given to the Indians, we thank you for the Presents given to us, and hope M^r Atkins will be wrote to, to give us proper Presents.

The Governor tells Utossite he approves of his Resolution to send out some of his young Men, wishes him a good Journey, and hopes to see him with King George's great Man at Fort Frederick.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 31st Day of March in the seventh year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1758..

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor			
The honourable	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq.	} Col: Benj ⁿ Tasker
		Col: Charles Hammond	
		Samuel Chamberlaine Esq.	

Read the following Petition.

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To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor of Maryland, and the honourable his Lordship's Council.

The Petition of John Eccleston humbly sheweth, that on or about the 17th of March last that your Petitioner on Chester River had fully laden the Schooner Defiance, Andrew Mills Master with 19: Hogsheads of Tobacco, which was intended to be put on Board the Ship New Cunliffe Samuel Matthews Master lying at Oxford, but in the Vessels Voyage from Chester River was met with in the Bay on the 20th of March last and brought to Annapolis, the Tobacco landed, and the Vessel obliged to take in his Majesty's Soldiers, and the same deliver at George Town in Kent County, such was the Consequence of the Delay that before the Vessel could take the Tobacco in again and carry on Board the Ship New Cunliffe, the said Ship was cleared out, and soon after an Embargo was laid. Your petitioner humbly prays he may