

Lib. J. R. His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the fol-
& U. S. lowing Letter from Col^o Henry Bouquet

Conegocheague in Maryland 20th Dec^r 1764.

Sir

I am Sorry to be obliged to inform you of a Fact lately committed, which may have consequences very fatal to our Frontiers.

I was told yesterday that M^r John Wolgamot who commanded a Company of Maryland Voluntiers in the last Expedition, had produced publickly at Frederick Town the Scalp of an Indian killed since the Treaty I have made with them.

I sent immediately for that Gentleman, who has this day been with me, he confesses the Fact, and says that being on his way home with his Company, at one days March on this side of Fort Pitt, one of his Men named James Bow had acquainted him, that he had killed an Indian near Pittsburgh, whose Scalp he had delivered to him desiring he would endeavour to obtain the Reward.

Instead of apprehending the Murderer he suffered him to remain with two other Men to hunt in the Woods where he is still.

At the time when the Voluntiers of your Government joined us, The army was encamped at Tuskerawas, where I informed all their Officers that We had entered into a Negotiation with the Indians, and that it was forbid on pain of Death to kill any of them.

After every thing was concluded with them at Muskingham, tho' all the Conferences had been held in publick, and in presence of the Troops, they were informed in the Publick Orders of that day of the conclusion of the Treaty, and that those Nations were for the future to be treated as Friends. Therefore Cap^t Wolgamot nor any Person in the Army can pretend to have been ignorant of it.

An agravating Circumstance of this murder is that the Indian killed must have been either one of the Hostages or a Deputy of the Shawnese, who all ran Suddenly away from us at Fort Pitt, of which I could not conceive the Reason till I heard of this Crime

I make no doubt that you will give the necessary orders to have the said James Bow apprehended, but as he is at present out of the Settlements, if he is aware of his danger he will keep himself out of the way

And as the Scalp is in the Possession of M^r John Wolgamat who has produced it publickly and with great Ostentation, in