

Lib. J. R. Security have proceeded to the Execution of his Office, I  
& U. S. should have thought it my Duty to give him all the Aid and Assistance in my Power, and would have punctually complied with their Lordship's Requisitions, but M<sup>r</sup> Hood the Distributor, being terrified by the Proceedings of the Populace, in this as well as the Neighbouring Colonies, retired some Weeks before the Stamp Act was to take place to New York where he still remains, and as I had no Reason to expect that the People of this Province would Suffer him to execute his Office, when almost all the other Distributors on the Continent had been obliged to resign, I did not think it advisable to call upon him to qualify under his Commission, or to expose himself to Insults by returning to the Province, when His Majesty's Service could not be thereby at all promoted, There being in his Absence no Person authorized to receive the Stamp't Paper which was consigned to him, and no Place of Security here in which it could be lodged, I desired Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown of His Majesty's Sloop Hawke, who had brought hither a Parcel of it, to keep it on Board, until Instructions could be received from His Majesty's Ministers concerning it, with which request of mine he has Complied and still remains at Anchor in this Port.

I am &c.

To Charles Lowndes Esq<sup>r</sup>

Hor<sup>o</sup> Sharpe.

This Board being informed by His Excellency the Governor, that an Indian Woman had been left in this City by a certain Gilbert Younger, who had formerly served in the Maryland Forces, and had been taken Prisoner some years since by the Indians from amongst whom it was Conjectured he had inveigled her, is of Opinion, that she ought to be sent back to her friends in order to relieve them from that uneasiness which her Absence may have excited amongst them; Ordered in Consequence of this Opinion that the Clerk write the following Letter to John Welsh of Baltimore County.

Sir

The Governor being desirous of sending an Indian Woman to her friends, who has been left at this place by a Man of the Name of Younger, and understanding, from M<sup>r</sup> Dulany that you had mentioned William Roberts, who lives on Pipe Creek, as a proper Person who would be willing to Conduct her, has directed me to write to you in Order to learn on what terms he would be willing to undertake to carry her, either to  
p. 406 Pittsburgh or Bedford, as might be thought most expedient. I am therefore to request that you will acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Roberts, by the first Opportunity that you have of either seeing or writing to him, that the Governor will be glad to know what