

Lib. J. R. any ill Consequences that might otherwise happen from their  
& U. S. Presentment.

I have the honor to be with great Regard  
Sir Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> hble Servant  
To His Excellency John Penn.  
Governor Sharpe.

p. 411 Copy Lemuel Barrett of Cumberland Valley in Cumberland County in the Province of Pensylvania, being Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God Deposeth and Saith That on the Twenty fourth day of January last past this Deponent being informed that the body of an Indian had been found by one Edward Askin, near the high Road leading from Fort Cumberland to Fort Bedford, he this Deponent Collected together upwards of twenty of his Neighbours, among whom was a certain Samuel Jacobs, and went with them to View and bury the Body of the said Indian. That upon inspecting the said Body, he found that the said Indian had been Shot with a Bullet thro' his Body the Ball appearing to have entered in at his Breast a little above the Pit of his Stomach, and to have come out between his Shoulders, That the head was Scalp'd and his Belly and Breast ripped open. That he this Deponent was informed (after he first heard of the said Indian's being Murdered) by his Servant Man Samuel Lyon that on the eleventh day of the same Month of January he saw the said Indian pass along the high Road and Conversed with him about half a Mile from the place where his Body was found, and that the aforesaid Samuel Jacobs had Cross'd the said Road with a Gun in his hand a few Minutes after the Indian had left the said Samuel Lyon, and further that within a Quarter of an hour afterwards he the said Samuel Lyon had heard the Report of a Gun about the place where the said Indian was killed, from whence this Deponent suspected that the said Samuel Jacobs had been concerned in the said Indian's Murder. This Deponent further saith that he informed his Neighbours as they stood round the said Indians Body that he had heard it asserted, that if a Murderer touch'd the Dead Body of the Person he had Slain, the Carcass tho' Lifeless would bleed, and therefore he proposed to them to try the Experiment and by that Method they would either acquit themselves of all Suspicion of having killed the said Indian or if any Person then present had really killed him he would be discovered and his Guilt be made Evident or to that purpose. That this proposal being generally agreed to, he this Deponent and all the Rest of the Company (except the aforesaid Samuel Jacobs) very ready touch'd alternately the said Indian's Body,