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Baker's Fort, May 14th, 1757.

Honoured Sir,

p. 162 There had nothing happened of Consequence on our Frontier since I wrote last. We have searched the North-Mountain, and all the other Covers that we could think the Indians could conceal themselves in, near the Inhabitants, but found none. I am informed, that a Party of Indians kill'd and scalp'd one Man, and took away another Prisoner last Tuesday from the Mouth of Capacton, and about seven Miles from the Mouth of Conococheague; but we have increased our Company, including ourselves, to near Seventy Men, we are in Hopes that we shall keep the Settlement from moving, as we shall use all the Care and Diligence we can to deter the Enemy from breaking in on that Quarter. We also thought proper to acquaint your Excellency, that if you think it proper to keep up a Party of the Militia longer than a Month in these Parts, the Company under our Command will be willing to serve rather than the Settlement should be broke up, which certainly will be the Case unless a constant Party is kept in the Place where we are. I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant,
Joseph Chapline.

P. S. After writing this Letter, I received the agreeable News of the Success of the Cherokee Indians.

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Annapolis, May 12, 1757.

Sir,

p. 163 The Governor bids me acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, dated the 10th Instant at Baker's Fort, and to inform you, that as he is now impowered to augment the Troops, in the Pay of this Province, to 500 Men, you may soon expect more at Fort Frederick, for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants: In the mean Time he advises you to be on your Guard; but at the same Time to make yourself and the People about you easy. With Regard to the Action, or rather Skirmish, that happened the 4th of this Month at Fort Cumberland, you seem to have been misinformed. I presume you know, that there is a considerable Number of Cherokees, and other Indians in our Alliance, at Fort Frederick, or Ranging on the Frontiers. His Excellency orders me to let you know also, that Col. Stanwix is marching to Carlisle in Pennsylvania, with Part of the Royal American Regiment, that in Case any large Body of the Enemy should advance towards either of these Colonies, he might be ready to oppose them. After you left Baltimore, the Governor was given to understand, that you had, during your Stay there, informed the Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly, that Capt. Dagworthy, and Others of the Officers in the Pay of this Province, have been Guilty of many notorious Frauds, which, on that Occasion, you particularized. His