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Honoured Sir,

Baker's Fort, May 29th, 1757.

Agreeable to your Instructions, we have sent a List of the Men now under our Command, and our Journal for the Month past, inclosed with this for your Excellency's Inspection. When we set out we engaged the Men only for one Month, tho' we are at no Loss to keep up a Company; yet should be glad, if it was your Excellency's Pleasure, to signify to us what Time you thought there would be Occasion of this Service; we should then be more able to judge as to our necessary Expence, without Loss either to Ourselves or the Public, which we now are, as it appears by your Instructions that we might expect to be released before this Time. There has been no Mischief done in our Settlement since my last; but I had News brought me this Morning from Fort Cumberland, that as a Party of our Maryland Company was out a Horse-hunting, the Indians fell on them, and killed Three, and took Three more Prisoners. I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant,

Joseph Chapline.

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Annapolis, June 1st, 1757.

Sir,

The Governor bids me acknowledge the Receipt of your Two Letters dated the 18th and 29th of May. If your Company is inclined to continue on Duty till the 12th Day of this Month, his Excellency has no Objection to your keeping them out until that Time, but no longer; as the Garrison of Fort Frederick will be then reinforced by a considerable Number of Recruits from hence, and Capt. Beall will be able to spare a Detachment, and to keep Men constantly out patrolling.

I return your Journal, that you may continue it on to that Time, and that you may note therein when any Man engaged or was discharged. The Governor is glad to find, that you did not entertain such a Suspicion as when I last writ to you; he was afraid you did; but he desires you will give him a particular Account of any Tricks that have ever been played by the Officers of the Maryland Forces, or of the Ill-Usage that any People, who have complained to you, have received from them, that he might at least give such Orders as may prevent such Misbehaviour for the future. I am Sir,

Your most humble and most obedient Servant,

J. Ridout.

Capt. Joseph Chapline.

Baker's Fort, June 10th, 1757

Sir,

I this Instant received a certain Account from Fort Loudoun, that Lieutenant Holliday, with Twenty-five, fell in with a Number of