

Indians Yesterday about Twelve o'Clock in the Great Cove, supposed to be a Hundred or more, out of which there is but Nine escaped, the Lieutenant and Sixteen more being supposed to be killed or taken Prisoners. The Indians hath also kill'd Doctor Ross's Waggoner between the Stone Quarry and the Fort, about Sun-set last Night. A Party of the Men under our Command Yesterday Evening came upon the fresh Tracks of a Company of Indians in Blazes Gap, that we supposed were disturbed by my Brother and Self, who were at the same Time in another Part of the same Mountain. Our Party pursued them, and lay out all Night; and pursued them so long, that they did not return till Six o'Clock this Evening, but could not overtake them till it appeared to them that more had joined them, then they left the Chace, and returned to us. There was likewise Five Men kill'd and taken by Shipeston the Day before Yesterday. We are determined to set out To-morrow Morning with what Force we can, in Pursuit of them, which is but since the last Month expired. As we had received your Orders to break up the Company at all Events the 12th of this Instant, I refused to keep any more than 50 Men; but as the Enemy is amongst us, and there is very few Men at Fort Frederick, and no News of any more being at Hand, we thought it would be agreeable to your Excellency to remain on the Spot till we have your Answer. I am, Sir,

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Dec. 9

p. 166

Your most obedient humble Servant
Joseph Chapline.

Copy.

Annapolis, June 13th 1757.

Sir,

The Governor bids me acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, dated the 10th Instant, and to let you know, that as the Recruits marched towards Fort Frederick on the Day appointed, he has no further Orders for you, or the Men under your Command, at present.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble and obedient Servant,
J. Ridout.

Captain Joseph Chapline.

July 20th, 1757.

Sir,

At the Request of, and in Behalf of, our Settlement, I beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency, that from the several Murders committed amongst us, and other Mischief by the Indians, within these Ten Days past, is like to break us up, and certainly will, except some Assistance can be had speedily. Frequent Applications has been made to the Officers of Fort Frederick for Help, but none can be had; for their Answer is, that they have scarce Men enough to escort their Provisions and other Necessaries to and from the Forts, which causes the People not to know what to do. There is above Two Thirds of the

p. 167