

For his much Respected Friend Coll. Nathaniel Utie
These present

From the said Point in Delaware Bay. this 20th April 1661.
Worshipfull Sir Coll. Nath. Utie.

These Lines of mine I am afraid will be the Intelligence
of sad Sundrys, the 17th Day of this month here departed from hence Three
English Men and one Dutchman their Names I have not William
John Gordon, M^r. Hack a Dutchman and a Cooper both of at M^r. Stocketts
and one Walter at M^r. Rights which persons we fear are murdered by the
Indians in their Journey home as you may further be resolved if you please
to Enquire. The Indians say their Bodies lay at a place called Saqueshew
the 19th Day here came about 20 Indians so by some of them it was discovered
and I have caused two Indians to be secured in the Fort of Guard one of
them is set free to inform their Sachim. And this Day we suppose he will
be here both Dutch and Indians are very much displeas'd at it but I
Demanding Justice of the Governour, he knows not well how to deny me, my
Desire is your Worship will be pleased to advise me and also send some
person or persons which may make further Enquiry into the matter as far as
I think it is pittie such Barbarous Actions should so pass. It will be as much
as for to leave of to be English Men, and I pray be Active in this matter of
great Concernment. Thus with my respects I Rest

Your Worships to Command
Wm Hollingsworth

The Indians that have committed this Murders so far as
we perceive are some of this River but had up in it I also advise you that
the Indians do threaten to kill some other English Men that are here
in this River to Return home to their Families if not prevented by some
other Means

I understood from M^r. Hollingsworth of the murder
of four Men belonging to this Province by the hand of some Indian your
Neighbours. And further that upon his Accusation you had Committed
them to Guard. I send this Express to you to be informed of the true State of
the matter. It is not our Custom to put up the injuries of Indians nor to
bury the Blood of Christians in forgetfulness and oblivion. Therefore I
Request you to deliver me the Indian prisoners that I may deal with them
according to our Justice in like Cases. I am now at Trenton and there
shall Remain till I have provided for the Safety of the people and the
Honour of our Nation and there shall Expect an answer from you
Trenton. 16th May 1661. Subscribed
for the Honble Alex. Minors
Governour of New Amstela

Your Servant
L. C.
(Right)