

Finding time here acquainted I quaſimo got his kin great men
 that were at Court with the whole matter, to which they made
 themselves strangers, then I produced to them the Indian Gun, w^{ch}
 he had fallen down he made his Escape, and drawed by knowledge
 of him by that Gun, which having shewed to what Indians
 were in the fort, they all still denyed to know whose it was,
 but after some threats which I thought upon this occasion
 to be but necessary, and demanding that they would necessarily
 find out some trusty Indians to discover whose Gun
 it was, and having found him bringing him to my house or
 Cold Church, requiring it to be done if they valued the
 friendship of the English or peace with your Majesty then they
 promised me to act accordingly with what dispatch they
 could but before this they told me they knew great many
 English were were Lyars, and they believed Wm Croft
 had made the Indian drunk, then quarrelled with & killed
 him, to which I replied as well as I could by telling them
 that Wm Croft himself might be a lyar for himself
 but there were two other men present at all the Action, who
 did confirm the whole Information in such manner as they
 would be believed, if it were against the life of an English
 man; then they told me again: they would search for the
 of the Gun and bring us an Account of it so soon as they
 could: Upon my return back again from the Court I
 had news brought me that the Indian was found much
 wounded, whereupon I sent Order to convey him to M^r
 George Robins his house where I would be that night; being
 come he confessed the fact, made no Excuse but that he was
 drunk, and began to talk of skins for Satisfaction; in wounds
 appearing mortall I dispatched a Messenger to some trusty
 Indians that they might come and hear his acknowledged
 supposing them to be the most Satisfactory Evidence to their
 Kings, that the fault lay wholly in himself.

My Lord having adventured to Melbury by my self I am
 not yet hearing from Cold Church, nor indeed from Mayo
 says who I was in hopes would have taken more notice of
 (orders sent him) I thought it your and my duty to give you
 the Account of Actions till this, praying your Majesty's
 for what may seeme amiss, and direction how further to be
 done, particularly what to do with this Indian prisoner
 he lives, at present I have resolved to have him conveyed to my house
 give notice here of to Maljacob with his kinmen they lack it is