

lodged, he met the priest there, and was in company with him more than half an
 hour that much was said by the company and particularly by Mr. Neale at that
 time concerning the Act of Assembly for disarming Catholics that Mr. Donald
 had before told him of, and that the priest spoke much again about the Riches of
 the French Nation, and to the same purpose that he had before at Mr. Donald's
 that the Informant before the company broke up declared his Inclination to go
 back to the French Settlements, and that the priest thereupon said such a step
 would be much better than to work here for a Shilling or eighteen pence a Day, that
 he might be there able to live comfortably, that he was sure the French would use
 him well, and that as the Indians all traded with the French, he did not apprehend
 that he would find much Difficulty in getting to Venango, this Informant moreover
 said that the priest asked him at the same time when he proposed to begin his
 Journey and said "If I see you before you go I will give you a Letter or Letters",
 the Informant says that 4. or 5. days after this as he was going from Mr. Donald's
 to one Aspinwall's for a Bottle of distilled Liqueur, Mr. Neale met or overtook him in
 the Road that leads to Wheelers, or the Chapel, and the Informant taking off
 his Hat the priest asked him how he did and when he intended to set off, on the
 Informant's answering in three or four Days, he says the priest took out a Packet &
 gave it him saying "If you reach Venango as I doubt not you will, deliver this to
 the French Commandant who is a fat, jolly, Man, with one Eye and is called
 The Informant says the Priest also charged him to
 show the Letters to no Body, nor to say any thing of them, asked him whether
 he had Money to bear his Expenses and on his saying he had not much gave
 him a Pistole, wished him a good Journey, and repeated again that he might
 depend on being well received and esteemed, the Informant says that he never
 saw Mr. Neale since that time, that he tarried a few that 3. or 4. Days at
 Mr. Donald's, and took, then left the Province, travelled through Pennsylvania
 unsuspected, and arrived at Venango in about 24. Days from his Departure
 thence, that he has since that time been a good deal with the French at
 Venango and Fort du Quene, and that he has lived much among the Indians
 that are in their Alliance, he says that in the Beginning of October he came
 from Fort du Quene with 100. French and Indians, who were designed against
 Fort Cumberland, and that he being sent before as a spy was recommending
 that place when he was discovered, and thereupon surrendered himself to
 one of the Garrison.

His Excellency then observing to the Board, that the Witness had, when he
 gave the above Information, either denied, or concealed many particulars that