

Holiday, and likewise the Petitions of John Shelby, Master of the said Negro Jack.

Ordered Reprieve issue for the said Negro on condition of his not continuing in Prince Georges County for the space of five days from the date of the Reprieve which issued on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1765 accordingly.

At a Council held at N. Asherson Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January  
in the Fourteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion, Innoq Domini 1765  
Present.

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq Governor.

The honble Benjamin Tucker Esq Daniel Dulany Esq and John Kidout Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this board the following Letter from Col. Henry Bouquet

Sir

Conguecheague in Maryland 20 Dec 1765

I am sorry to be obliged to inform you of a Fact lately committed, which may have consequences very fatal to our Frontiers.

I was told Yesterday that M<sup>r</sup>. John Walgamat who commanded a Company of Maryland Volunteers in the last Expedition, had produced publicly at Frederick Town the Scalp of an Indian killed since the Treaty I have made with them.

I sent immediately for that Gentleman, who has this day been with me, he confesses the Fact and says that being on his way home with his Company, at one days March on this side of Fort Pitt, one of his Men named James Bow had acquainted him, that he had killed an Indian near Pittsburgh, whose Scalp he had delivered to him desiring he would endeavour to obtain the Reward.

Instead of apprehending the Murderer he suffered him to remain with two other Men to hunt in the Woods where he is still.

At the time when the Volunteers of your Government joined us, The army was encamped at Ashersons where I informed all their Officers that We had entered into a Negotiation with the Indians and that it was forbid on pain of Death to kill any of them.

After every thing was concluded with them at Muskingham, tho' all the conferences had been held in publick, and in presence of the Troops, they were informed in the Publick Orders of that day, of the conclusion of the Treaty, and that those Nations were for the future to be treated as Friends. Therefore Capt. Walgamat nor any Person in the Army can pretend to have been ignorant of it.

An aggravating Circumstance of this murder is that the Indian killed must have been either one of the Hostages or a Deputy of the Shawnee, who all run suddenly away from us at Fort Pitt, of which I could not conceive the Reason till I heard of this Crime.

I make no doubt that you will give the necessary orders to have the said James Bow apprehended, but as he is at present out of the Settlements, if he is aware of his danger he will keep himself out of the way.

And as the Scalp is in the Possession of M<sup>r</sup>. John Walgamat who has produced it publicly and with great Ostentation, in the presence of M<sup>r</sup>. Swan Shelby, a Justice of the Peace, Jonathan Hagar, John Storch, and a Number of other Witnesses, I submit it to your Judgment to determine whether the said John Walgamat cannot be properly suspected of being guilty of the Murder himself, or at least accessory to it by not apprehending the pretended Murderer, when he had him in his