

there is lest the Irregularities of the Frontier Inhabitants of these Colonies
should irritate the neighbouring Indians & be productive of bad consequences
& Your Excellency may depend that as far as my power extends
it shall be exerted to prevent such Proceedings as You mention but I
have not been yet able to learn that any Persons who have Settlements
within this Province were concerned in the Riots You allude to nor has
liberty been given by this Government to any Person to settle on any
Lands lying beyond the Allegany Mountains. I have never heard of
the Affair mentioned in the Extract of a Letter from Winchester nor
of any Hunter in this Province who in Company with One Walker of
Virginia killed two Indians at Pittsburg & boasts of the Fact; if
there is such a One & I can learn who he is I will endeavour to have
him apprehended & sent whither Your Excellency pleases for I do not
know how he can be tried or punished in this Province for a Crime
committed out of it. I am &c

To The Earl of Halifax: Annapolis. the 5th Sept. 1765 *
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My Lord

I am sorry to have such a reason for troubling Your L^{dy} but
it is my Duty to inform You that the Proceedings of a great Num-
ber of the People in this Province since the Person said to be ap-
pointed Distributor of the Stamps for Maryland arrived here give
me too much room to apprehend they will endeavour to prevent
the Stamp Act having its intended Effect. Your L^{dy} will I pre-
sume long before this can reach You have received an Account
of the late riotous Proceedings of the Populace at Boston & other
Places in the Northern Colonies on Account of that new Act of
Parliament; & will not therefore I suppose be surpris'd at receiving