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...of which there is but Nine escaped, the Lieutenant and Sixteen more being sup-
posed to be taken Prisoners. The *Indians* hath also kill'd Doctor *Ross's* Waggoner between the
... and ... about Sun set last Night. A Party of the Men under our Command Yetterday
... upon the fresh Traces of a Company of *Indians* in *Blazes Gap*, that we suppose were
... by my Brother and Self, who were at the same Time in another Part of the same Mountain. Our
... them, and lay out all Night; and pursued them so long, that they did not return till Six
... evening, but could not overtake them till it appeared to them that more had joined them,
... the Chase, and returned to us. There was likewise Five Men kill'd and taken by *Shipes-*
... the Day before Yetterday. We are determin'd to set out To-morrow Morning with what Force we
... them, which is but since the last Month expired. As we had received your Orders to
... at all Events the 12th of this Instant, I refused to keep any more than 50 Men;
... amongst us, and there is very few Men at Fort *Frederick*, and no News of any more
... at Hand, we thought it would be agreeable to your Excellency to remain on the Spot till we have
your Answer. I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

JOSEPH CHAPLINE.

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Annapolis, June 13, 1757.

S I R,

THE Governor bids me acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter, dated the 10th Instant, and to let
you know, that as the Recruits marched towards Fort *Frederick* on the Day appointed, he has no
further Orders for you, or the Men under your Command, at present. I am, Sir,

Your most humble and obedient Servant,

J. RIDOUT.

Capt. Joseph Chapline.

July 20th, 1757.

S I R,

AT the Request of, and in Behalf of, our Settlement, I beg Leave to acquaint your Excellency, that
from the several Murders committed amongst us, and other Mischief done by the *Indians*, within these
Ten Days past, is like to break us up, and certainly will, except some Assistance can be had speedily.
Frequent Applications has been made to the Officers of Fort *Frederick* for Help, but none can be had; for
their Answer is, that they have scarce Men enough to escort their Provisions and other Necessaries to and
from the Forts, which causes the People not to know what to do. There is above Two Thirds of the In-
habitants, between *Conestogues* and *South-Mountain*, have flew into Heaps; many of which are removing
quite away, and the rest will I expect soon, if there is no Notice taken of them by your Excellency. It is
with Concern that I repeat it again, but I am very sure that if we have no Relief at the Return of this Mes-
senger, the greater Part of the People will leave the Settlement, which if they do, what few of us that
would willingly stay, will not be able. I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant,

JOSEPH CHAPLINE.

HORATIO SHARPE, Esq;

Annapolis, July 24, 1757.

S I R,

IN Answer to your Letter of the 20th Instant, the Governor orders me to tell you, that he is extremely
sorry to hear, that any Mischief has been lately done by the Enemy on the Frontiers of this Province,
and that nothing would give him greater Satisfaction than to have it in his Power effectually to prevent their
Incursions for the future. As the Number of Men at this Time in the Pay of this Province, is upwards of
Four Hundred, he is very apprehensive that the Assembly will not approve of his ordering any of the Mili-
tia to keep constantly Ranging on the Frontiers, nor agree to pay them. However, if you, or any other
Officer, have an Inclination to Range with your respective Companies for a Time, his Excellency has no
Objection thereto, and will, if desired, recommend it to the Assembly to make you and them an Allowance,
tho' he declines sending you positive Orders to march. Capt. *Beall* has standing Instructions to keep Parties
of Men Ranging on the Frontiers, agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, and he assures the
Governor that he does comply with such Instructions to the utmost of his Power. I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

J. RIDOUT.

Capt. Joseph Chapline.

S I R,