7th.—Col. Clappum Sold a House in this Bottom lately to Jn° Ormsby for £130., notwithstanding y° General Orders against buying or Selling Houses.

9th.—Tom Green, one of y° Delawares, came here who informs me that he has been up on y° Heads of Susquehanna lately & brought away his Mother & Brother, also that some Hundr Delawares who liv'd there amongst y° Mingoes are come away & settled at Cuscuskies Salt Licks—Delawar Towns this way. This Day we sent off 19 Load of Skins, being all we had left except a few Bears.

10th.—I hear'd that last Summer when Cap° Trent return'd from Philad°, he report'd that y° Goods in our Store were to be Sold off as quick as possible & y° Store to be broke up, & said no more Quakerism on this side y° Alegheny Mountain, notwithstanding it continues yet.

11th.—An express came Yesterday from Redstone Creek, with Account that One Tumblestone & another White Man that Settled above Redstone was kill'd (one Shot, y° Other Tomhock'd in y° Head) by y° Indians, being lying dead in their House.

12th.—It Greives y° Indians to see y° White People Settle on these Lands & follow Hunting or Planting, especially in Virginia side & off y° Road too.

13th.—Some Days ago Cap° Callend° came here who says that coming over Laurel Hill y° Snow was 15 Inches deep there. Cap° Barnsley show'd me some Lettuce & Cabbage in his Garden Planted out this Spring, being rais'd from seed; I have some come up.
14th.—This Day many of the Soldiers taken Sick, ye Matter of 18 in 24 Hours, with a kind of Cold & Cough. 16th.—Went over ye River to get home some Shingle Boults; Catched 7 fish; some Thundr & Rain, very Windy. 18th.—Got me a Suit of Fustin made here for ye Summer Cost abt £5. 19th.—I am taken very Sick with this Epidemick Cold & fever. 20th.—The Air got midling Cool; ye Indians are all Chiefly Sick w'th ye Cold & Cough, such that resorts here about. 22d.—A party of ye Mingo Warriors return'd having brought Two Prisinoers & Eight Scalps of Cherokees as they say. I went over ye River & Catch'd two Pearch, but cast me into a fever all ye Evening. 23rd.—This Day one of ye Mingo Warriors shew'd me a Meddle of Copper taken off one of ye Cherokees they Kill'd, having ye King of England's Coat of Arms on one Side & ye Words Lower Cherokees on ye other Side. 24th.—Dream'd last Night I seen a Large Stack Yard containing many Stacks of Wheat & many of Hay, being raised by great Industry on some New Rough Place that I thought could never Produce so well as it did. 25th.—River got Very Low; ye Mingo Wariors had got some new Shilling Bills, Virginia money, which they pass'd some of at one Nedy Graham's our Neighbour. 26th.—I was at ye Wariors encampment, & seen ye Prisoners & the Scalps, one of the Prisoners being a Tall Spair fellow who had been out this way, helping ye English a few years ago & was known by some of ye Soldiers here who Spoke to him, ye other is a Young Lad, its tho' by some ye Delawares, that they will Burn this Prissoner as they say he kill'd one of their Company before he was taken.
27th.—Delaware George came here by Water from Cuscuskeys & is carried on a Blanket between four Indians from y* Canoe & to it his Days are so near Expiring; we had some Trade today.

28th.—In Trading yesterday with some Delawares One Wm Tunum, that Talks English well, Insisted to have 2 Yards Cloth in Every Stroud being 12/ p yard & to pay but 20/ for a Stroud & finding we gave but a yard & ½ he said that Levy y* Jew gave 2 yds & he supos’d we put y* rest in our own pockets, but Levy coming in he ask’d him & Levy deny’d that he gave any more then we did.

29th.—One of y* Mingo Warriors bro* a Beaver late in y* Evening, it came to 2½ lb Powder, so I took his Bag & went for y* Powd’ by myself, he scruppled my measure, I told him there was 2½ Pints but he wanted to see it measur’d, so I measured it & it held out Large measure; I laugh’d at him & he Clapt me on y* Shoulder & said it was right.

5mo 1st.—Delaware George Dyed last Night, to be buried to Morrow.

2nd.—This Day Delaware George was Interr’d over y* Allegheny River; a file of Soldiers attend’d, who fire’d three Rounds over his Grave. Geo. Croghan & many White people attend’d y* Burial, in y* night y* Ind Shot off Guns many times, as they say to drive away y* Evil Spirit.

4th.—Here was some Indians that moved away from y* Heads of Susquahanna going to Live at y* Delaware Towns up Beaver Creek; they Traded some with us; we had some good Potatos of them.

5th.—There was some Nights since 4 Horses of young Gibson’s Stole & since 2 Horses of Hammelton’s y* Commissiray at Legonier, they being sent to Croghans place for safty while he & his Miss stay’d here a Visiting.

7th.—Cool Weather. A young Man came up by Fort
Cumberland Road several Days ago & brought a Cargo of Rum undiscover'd till he came here but was found out by y* Col' who had him put in y* Guard House, seiz'd his Rum, y* Court Martial has agreed to have it refered to y* General so he is set at Liberty, but y* Rum is secured. Jn° Ormsby y* Commissary had bought it of him, & its said it will make a hole in his Coat pocket.

10th.—This Day is report'd bad news, by Letters come to y* Col', that South Carolina is taken by y* French & Spannards.

11th.—Jn° Hart Says that there is fifteen Hundred Mingo's to come this way in a few Days, s'd to be going against y* Cherokees, but so many coming at once is not very acceptable here, but is Inda News.

12th.—One Canoe with Wariors is gone down y* River this Day & Three more come, its said by one of them that out of 200 that went against y* Cherokees only 5 return'd this Spring.

14th.—Bought a Horse for a Debt Andrew Buyerly Ow'd (y* Agent bo' him) I rid him down y* South Side y* River to Shirtees Rock, & left him with y* Grass Guard; fine Meadow Land on y* branches of Shirtees Creek; y* three Canoes of Wariors is gone down ye River.

15th.—We had a Letter from Frederick Post, wherein he mentions that since he went to Philadelphia, in his absence Shamoken David & another Indian has prejudiced y* Inhabitants of Tuscorawas against him so much, that altho' they had allow'd him to Clear as much Land as he pleas'd, now they have limmited him to about half an Acre.

16th.—Levy Hicks who was taken Prisoner from Kanahwas near Fort Frederick, on Potomack, Informs me that he took along with y* Mingo Wario's in y* Winter from y* Mouth of Moosekinggum as he lives with y* Delawares there, that they met a Party of Cherokees near to some large Town of theirs coming this
way, abot' 40 in number, & they being 70 Mingo's they took Eight Scalps & three prisoners, one being y* Cap't of y* Cherokees who was about making peace last Year amongst y* Mingo's, & when his party was fled, he spoke in Mingo & said he was Mistaken, for he had thought they were Wyondots, but y* surrounded him & took him prisoner, on which he said he was going to confirm y* Peace with them, but y* other two prisoners being ask'd, said they were coming to see this Fort, & get some White Mens Scalps that might be out tending Horses, so y* Mingo Cap't told him he lyed & then Tom-hock'd him, y* other two I seen here.

17th.—Flemming y* Post came, but no bad News concerning Carolina.

18th.—A Delewar call'd Davy, Ask'd me whether I would give Songkeccan (i.e. y* Lock) Rum for a White Boy Taken at Tuscorara (called John Crough-ran) which I wanted from him last year, all y* Liquors was forbidden to be sold or given to Indians (I told him) & shew'd him y* Hurt it done them; he told me y* Lock ask'd 20 Gallons or £50 in money, I told him that would be Selling them as Servants at a Dearer Rate than Negroes is Sold, & that y* General and our Governor expect'd they would bring them all in & deliver them according to promise; after he return'd with Lock & y* family but s'd no more ab* it.

19th.—Some time ago some y* Delewars Informes us that A Man & Boy of their Nation was kill'd down Near Moosekinggum & a White Boy Carried off by y* Tawas & Picks having Track'd them to y* side y* Lake, for which they threaten Revenge.

21st.—It's Report'd by a Trader that Winter'd at Tuscorawas, that some of y* Indians there Inform'd him, When y* Traders was not allow'd last year to go to y* Shawanas, & they were Limmitted when they came here in buying Powder & Lead to five Pounds Pow'd a Man, & Ten of Lead, That Nation had concluded to
hold a Council in order to put all their Women & Children to Death & y* Men to carry on a War against y* English while one of them remain’d.

24th.—Bought A Cow some months agoe for Six Pounds worth of Goods, but not proving with Calf I Swap’d her for a Cow & Calf, which I could not Buy undr Eight Pounds Ten Shillings in Cash.

25th.—Now there is talk of Co1 Bouquet going Down & Cap1 Barnsly being Command’ till he return.

26th.—Lieu’ Moyer told me that there is no Artifisers to be Imploy’d this Year, & its said that Co1 Air chief Engenier, found fault with y* Situation of the Fort & its thought that from his report to y* General it will be Built on some Higher Ground, but this is only supo-sition.

29th.—Jacob Stroud came with some Goods for us from Philad*; been very Bussy examining y* same & making up a Load of Skins.

30th.—Inform’d by Keecaise that the Beaver King & y* Indians about Tuscorawas though of y* Lenappe Nation, yet are not Delewars properly, likewise that y* Beaver never was made a King by y* Indians, but by y* people of Virginia, and that Neat-hot-whelme was y* Deleware King, & Tuscologas a Half King, being half a Mingo.

31st.—Col1 Boquet gone down in y* Country yesterday & Cap1 Barnsley Commands here now; Barnsley told me that some of our Friends had taken Commissions in y* Millitary way, I ask’d him if he did not like them y* Better, but he s’d not abit y* Better; he seems to shew a regard for Friends.

Went down to Shirtees Rocks to see our Horse &c.

6mo 2d.—Several people that’s much adicted to Sheaming having come to our House at times I have reprov’d often, & shuned their Company & I think they take notice that I can sit with y* Indians & some that they look upon meaner then themselves, but I say I would
rather converse with a Good Beggar then a Wicked Great Man.

3rd.—We see no more of y* Mingo Wariors yet going against y* Cherokees; Keecaie being Hunting up y* Monongehela says, that he seen y* White men that were kill’d above Redstone, & that it was done by two Cherokee Men, One Woman & a Boy being Track’d & pursued by other Indians two Days.

4th.—A man came today for y* Doctor in great Haste. Col1 Boquet & Cap’ Orey at Bedford being Riding out in a Chair y* Horse Run off & Broke the Chair, Broke Orys Leg & hurt y* Col1 much.

5th.—Y* Man that came here for y* Doctor yesterday, is said to have come up in 25 Hours from Bedford.

6th.—We hear from Tuscorowas that Shingass is very Sick, which hinders the Indians coming to go to y* Treaty until his recovery; its generally said by y* White people, that he shews them y* Most Kindness & generossity of all y* Indians thereabouts.

7th.—Charles Kenny Bought a Creature in ord'r to go doun in y* Contry but y* Agent agreed with him to Stay One Month Longer, so we took y* Creature down to y* Grass Guard at Shirtees. Having Planted out abo’ four Hund’ of Cabbage Plants, there is not I think, fourty left but what y* Grasshoppers has Eatten; they have serv’d them so in y* King’s Garden likewise.

8th.—I am inform’d by a White Lad prisioner that lived with White Eyes, When y* French was gather’d with y* Indians this time four years, at Vennango, to come down to take Pittsburgh, that y* s’d White Eyes got a very Long Belt of White Wampum made & sent to y* Indians then assembled with y* French, requesting of them to Desist coming against this place, which put them in a Consternation, & set ’em to Counciling, which did not End till y* Express Arriv’d from y* French at Niagara, which turn’d them that way to their defate. Also that y* s’d White
Eyes had strongly advised the Delawars to make peace with y* English before they should take Fort Duquesne, or Else they would Cut them all off, which was agreed to and having set off & got as far as Tortle Creek, y* French Commander sent much Wampum With his Cunning Interpreters to alter their minds, so a party of French & them abo* 200 in all, went toward Legonier to get Horses, but y* Indians Held another Council, sending an Ind* to y* English Command' to ask liberty to come to make peace, but before y* Messenger got to y* Fort y* rest were discovered by y* English and a battle began, so y* Messenger hearing y* Guns return’d, y* French & Ind* fled & White Eyes was Shot thro y* jaws; y* English fired one upon another; on his return here told y* Command' would never Espouse his cause any longer at this time. Frederick Post was on his way to y* Ind* to demand Peace & Jam* Hays & five of his men, that Escort’d Post, was Kill’d on returning by s* Ind*.

10th.—The former Acco* I have been Inform’d by White Men also that White Eyes told y* Ind* that they went to y* Inhabitants, & Kill’d Old Women & Children but did not hurt y* English Soldiers, Neither was able, for they seem’d not to Value all that they had met with, but like a Strong Buffelo Bull that had got a Wound, pushed right forward at his Enemy, & would not be turn’d. Inform’d that there are Nightinggales to y* Northward about y* uper Lakes, one being Shot by a Serjent that came here.

12th.—Some of y* Tweetwees came here who live I immagine y* furthest off of desired to Hold a Treaty or Speke with y* Command'.

14th.—Receiv’d a Letter from Benjam* Elliot giving Acco* my brother John was married.

15th.—The Tweetwees brought us y* chief of what Peltry they had being Good Beaver Otter & Racoons.

17th.—Ephraim Blaine came here some Days ago
from Carslile, & left several Noats & orders with me on people that owed him, as did Wm Johnson some time ago.

19th.—Went about 2 Mile up y* Monongahele & Reaped about a dozen Sheaves of Cheat mix’d with some Timothy, some few Ears of Spelse, Barley, & Rye, being at Shepherds’ Landing where y* Teames used to be fed that Haul’d Timber.

20th.—This Day went in 4 Hours up to Bradock’s field in our Canoe with my Brother & 2 other Men, where y* Mens Bones lyes plenty yet, where y* men were Drawn up in a line.

21st.—Inform’d by y* Pipe Ind* from Tuscorawas that Chingass is got well & in about 12 Days they will be here on their way to the Treaty; that y* Beaver King says that he will Deliver Frederick Post to y* Governor & tell him to keep him at home.

22d.—Inform’d by young Jacobs, that his father i.e. Netotwhelmy y* Delawar King & Tuscologas y* Half Delaware & Half Mingo King is also coming to go with y* Beaver to y* Treaty.

23rd.—Inform’d that there are down on y* Mississippi a Large sort Wolves having no hair on their Legs or Belly being very Ravenous, one of which Kill’d y* Beavers first Wife. I have been Very unwell this Day with Simtoms of y* Ague.

26th.—Walked with Cap* Barnsley thro’ his Garden awhile.

27th.—I hear that a Shawana Young fellow Rob’d Tho* Mitchel & Jn° Bard of sundry Goods; being suport’d by y* Men of y* Town, that he feign’d himself Crazey.

30th.—Heard Serjent Cleark tell of a Woman being Kill’d with many more of an escort going from Albany to Fort Edward some years ago, said Woman’s hand & part y* Arm would stand out y* Grave being several
times buried & was seen by him for several Days untill it Wither'd above Ground.

7mo 1st.—Cap'l Callender came here from Detroit & says that some Weeks ago they Had Thunder & lighting there for a Month together & we had it here pretty constant.

7mo 3rd.—This Day y* Beaver King & Frederick Post & many Ind's came from Tuscorawas going to y* Treaty.

5th.—Kings Netotwhelmy & Tuscologass came to Day, some y* Heads of y* Shawanas, Tawas, Weweaughtanies, Tweetwees &c.

6th.—I was employ'd by Frederick Post to buy a fat Beef for the use y* Indians, which was kill'd this morning & y* Young men Caried y* same over y* River, being very Thankfull.

7th.—Y* Indians have brought about 50 Prisoners esteem'd to be abo' half y* num' y* Delewars have; they could hardly find Kettles to Boyle their meat; Major Ward, Croghans Brother, having y* Care of y* Indian affairs now at this place would not find them Kettles as they are under y* conduct of Frederick Post by y* Governors ord'r to take them down to y* Treaty. Ward insist'd that Post should buy large Kettles at y* charge y* Province, but we Lent him some, also Ward had mention'd (as I been inform'd) to them of delivering y* Prisoners to him, which might be of ill consequence as many of 'em might return back to y* Indians, some being hid or run away already, but this on consideration was declined.

8th.—The Indian chiefs held Several Councils amongst them about delivering y* Prisoners, being of Different Oppinions at last conclud'd by the Half King, Custologas & y* Delaware King Netotwhelmy & their Councils to return home, having sent deputies with y* Beaver King to y* Treaty.

9th.—The particulars were nominated that Should go
down, about 30 Indians & 18 Prisoners, chiefly Women & Children.

10th.—They set off about 3 o’Clock this afternoon, & as Frederick Post was order’d by Governor Hammelton to Cunduct them down to a Treaty in our Province, ye burden fell much on him to attend them & many complaints they made that Ward would not let them have Victuals enough; Post hired about 12 Horses to help ye Women & Children along.

11th.—Receiv’d ods of £33. worth of Peltry of Custologa ye half King, kept us almost all Day. White Eyes turn’d back his Creature having Run from him, but I seem to think he was asham’d to go down so few of ye Prisoners being taken to it, ye Treaty.

12th.—This day Fleming ye Post set off from here, I Wrote Ellis Hughes, Isr Pemberton & Jn Bartram.

13th.—Came back ye Company of Warriors that Kill’d Huling’s cow, when going out, they brought 1 Prisoner & 5 Scalps; three Great Guns was fired to answer their Salute.

14th.—The Shawas have sent out Hunters (they say) in order to get 20 Horse Load Skins, to Carry down with all ye Prisoners they Have in case their Deputies brings a Satisfactory Account of ye present Treaty with ye Delawars, in token of being fully reconcil’d; we hear ye Papists have Rebell’d in Ireland.

15th.—I hear that Killbuck had been threatening Old Co Cressop, & that in ye War time he says he lay many Days on a Hill Oposite his house waiting to Kill ye Old Co, upon hearing of which Old Cressep has sent Killbuck a Chellange that he won’d fight him, each to take a Gun. This Letter coming now a few days since has frightend Killbuck from going to ye Treaty.

18th.—The Trade that comes to this place pritty much devolves to our House, Especially from ye Delawars, & could we be safe in Trusting a little we should have almost all their Custom.
20th.—The Scheme project'd by G. C. of Trusting ye Indians which Levy, Trent & Co done much in it, now do not turn out Satisfactory, ye Indians not paying, ye Credit Stops; there is dissatisfaction in both sides.

21st.—The Shawanas that came to ye Treaty brought a Double Tooth here w' weight'd 63 lb & a piece about 15 Inches Long of an Eye Tooth.

22nd.—Robert Pusey (a Cossen of Joshua Pusey) came here from ye Shawana Town being a Prissoner there about 5 years; he brought a Tooth weigh'd 4½ lb & says that these Teeth are Esteem'd, that there are some Teeth too Heavy to be carried, that there are Horns about 12 foot Long, as I suppose is ye Eye teeth of Elephants.

23rd.—None of ye Indians can remember of seeing any of these Creatures alive, neither do they Know who kill'd them, but that there is a little Stone fortification made near the Lake where its believ'd ye Indians that kill'd them ambuscad'd themselves.

25th.—The Collonel has sat up ye Common Prayer & Littiany to be read on ye first Days ye Week. Jn Ormsby Reads the Prayr's.

26th.—Amongst other things, I am Inform'd by Robert Pusey that this Summer was four years ago, when Nanticoke Will came here from amongst ye Shawanas being ye first of them that came to See us; ye Account I gave him of ye Matters in Adjetation & ye Advice with ye List of ye Prices of Goods & Peltry with us, had such effect when he return'd home as to Stop about fourty or fifty Wariors just then going against ye English having held a Council & Stop't them; also that they profess a Great regard for ye Quakers & was against their Wariors coming to Pennsylvania at all, but are Still Spitefull against Virginia.

27th.—Here has been two men from ye borders of Carololina who has pass'd many Counterfit £5 Bills Virginia Money, and ye Coll has Order'd to carry him
all ye Counterfit Bills above mentioned, in ord' I hear, to send them to ye Governor of Virginia.

30th.—Came here from Philad'^ David Franks & John Reed Contractors to Settle ye Provission Acco'^.

6mos 1st.—Indian Peter return'd from Detroit & Says that another Belt for War, was sent by ye Mingoes to ye Wyondots who carried it to Cap'^ Camble, & that ye Indians back there talks that ye English are going to Strike them. Meeting Mohickan John going from here, who told him he hear'd it at this place amongst ye White People, also that Michael Teafe has told ye Indians some foolish Stuff also, that Mohickan Jn'^ said that ye Indians who went to the Treaty would never Return.

2nd.—An old fisherman Nam'd Robert Elliot fell out of his Canoe last Night, being at Ancor fishing, & was Drownded, not being found yet.

3rd.—Three days agoe return'd a Company of Mingo Warriors having One Prisoner & One Scalp of ye Cherokees.

4th.—Jacob Stroud, & 3 Waggons more came here, he bro't sundry Goods.

9th.—Load'd two Waggons with Peltry yesterday and they set off; I sent my Wolf, Raccoon & Wild Cat, a present to ye Governor.

11th.—Been very Wet and Rainey to Day. An Acco^ been taken of ye Provissions at this place, ye 7th of this month: there appears to be 67,696^b Good Flour & 41,159 part Good & part bad, Due by the Baker's allowing 25 p' cent of Bread to 100^b Flour 8,781^b; Remain in Store 117,636^b; 733^b Rice, 284 Barrels Beef, 66 ditto Pork, 679 Pounds Bacon, 238 Oxen, 4 Milch Cows, 76 Sheep, 7 Hogs, 332 Bushels Salt. There was Con- demn'd by a Court of Enquiry 10,068^b Flour & 1097^b Butter. Allow'd for Wastage by Jn'^ Ormsby Com- massary here, 22,352^b Flour & ab^ 4 Barrels Pork & Mutton, also Kill'd by Wolves & other Accidents 6
Oxen, 13 Sheep, & 2 Swine. Whether ye King's Com-

massary will allow of ye sd Wastage is a question.

12th.—Its said ye remaind' of Damaged Flour is to be
Condemn'd, I hear'd ye Grenediers refused to Eat of it.

13th.—There has been Great Rains up ye Mononga-
hela as it has Rose very fast & High, so that it cuts a
Cross ye Alegheny & drives Logs, Canoes &c up it with
ye back Water.

16th.—Edward Graham who has not been three
Weeks gone from this place, has been at New York, in
ye Jerseys & return'd here last Night; he met my
Brother Charles at Legonier, who inform'd him that he
had kill'd Seventy-two Rattle Snakes by Buyerly's at
Brushey Run, being Coyled in three Heaps of different
Seizes.

17th.—Pritty much Wet Weather; I hear'd by Edw* 
Graham that ye Indians were got to Scots, near Lan-
caster, when he met them, & that they had got some
Liquor, but want'd to have more; being refus'd of it
they told Frederick Post he should no more Travel in
ye front as a Cap* but should go in ye reer, & that he
should not return back to live with them.

19th.—William Clappam who was Co' formerly, his
Son follow'd Trading at Detroit & leaving that place
some Months ago, in order to come here, having Sent
ye rest of his Company to Sandusky to come here by
Land, himselfe & a Man & Woman (Prisoners being In-
dians) that those Nations Sell for Slaves when taken
by them, he having bought these two set off in a large
Bark Canoe along ye Lake for Presque Isle, only them
two Prisoners with him; now there is no Account of
them.

20th.—John Doubty, an old Indian Man Born in the
Jerseys, Tells me that the Indians were much better
People before any White People came amongst them,
then now; that they used frequently Morning & Night
Prayer and return'd thanks to ye Good Spirit Above,
for preserving them, and that they knew nothing of any sort Ind: Corn, until first of that Seed they got out of a Deer they had kill’d, only one grain between y: Skin & Ribs which they plant’d & soon had great Increase, So that a feast was made & many Indians Invited to Eat fat Venison Boyl’d with Corn, so they Eat & return’d thanks to y: Creatore of all things, for sending them that Good Grain & that they got Wheat in Same Manner, but made little progress in raising it. After y: White people Came y: Dutch about New York shot an Ind: for pulling Peaches off his trees, which caus’d Wars, & after Peace, y: Indians being settled thick in a Town Near y: Dutch, in a very deep Snow, y: Dutch taking y: advantage kill’d y: Indians only one made his escape, who allarm’d others so that two other Wars & Peaces ensued, y: last Peace lasting untill this late War. He says that after y: White people bro’ Rum & suply’d y: Indians with it, they forgot God & lost their former Devotion.

21st.—Here is a Sort of Grape y: best Wild Sort I have Eatten, they Grow on y: Gravelly Sand & Stones where y: River overflows, y: Vines Spreding about.

22nd.—George Croghan has sent up lately a Quantity of Liquors, & its said, none is to have liberty to bring any Liquor to this place but him; its taken into y: King’s Stores as it comes & a Serjent has y: care of it to Sell it out. Many of y: Sutling Inhabitants here have got kegs of it & Drunkeness makes it’s appearance again.

24th.—Letters come here say, that Young Clappam was Tomhocked by his Indian Captive, who with his Squaw made off amongst y: Chipawas; they confess’d to them what they had done; the Chipawas commend’d them, but enticed them to Detroit where they deliver’d them to Cap’ Camble, where they Lie in Irons.

25th.—It’s said there are 20 New Battoes to be Built here Sufficient to Carry 32 Barrels of Beef Each.
26th.—One of y* Old Traders says, that he hear'd y* Head Man of the Shawanas say, that they want’d y* English to Build a Fort at some convenient place near y* Mouth of Sciota River, to protect their Wives & children while they were at War & Hunting from y* Cherokees.

27th.—Cap¹ Basset was hear’d to say amongst y* Brick Makers, that they would see men Enough here next Summer.

28th.—Some alegdes there may be an Expedition Next Sumr down y* Ohio to Missippie.

30th.—The Common Prayer is Read now every first Day & y* Coll¹ is pleas’d to see many of y* Inhabitants go to hear it.

9mo 4th.—I was told by a Mingo Man, that there had been a French officer & three Shawana Indians & one Mississippi Ind¹ Reconitering yº Fort & taking a Plan of it & that yº Shawanas told him that yº French would soon come up yº River in Battoes to this place, of which I acquaint’d Coll¹ Bouquet, he not doubting their reconitering he being jealous of thire own Safty, but thinks they could not attempt an Attack here this Sumr.

5th.—Some Indians come before yº rest from yº Treaty & its report’d by Charles Brookins here, that yº Indians have made demands at yº Treaty that cannot be compl’y’d with; also that Friends held a private Council with yº Indians, not admitting any others into it, & that Friends are much blamed for it, as if they had occa- sioned yº Indians to make such demands.

6th.—Its also said, that yº Indians will not permit Frederick Post to Live amongst them.

7th.—I could forsee before yº Indians went from this place to yº Treaty, that yº Leading Men in Indian affairs, here away, took Umbrage at their going to hold treaties with our Governm¹ & lead by Frederick Post to Lancaster. I thought yº Indians might be excited to make that Treaty Burdensome to yº Province.
8th.—The Indians finding that ye White People are very anctious to have ye Prisoners, will according to their common dispositions, set more Price on them in thire minds, expecting that they will squeeze out ye full Price of them, as if Sold, which I imagine is ye reason of their mentioning such things as to destroy Fort Augusta, & ye high demands they made at ye Treaty, alledging as much reason for it as for them to deliver up ye Prisoners, for nothing.

9th.—Bussiness seems but Dull at this place this summer, & many people has left it; if it comes right settled times & but a small Garrison kept here, I think it will not incourage many to Settle a Town here.

10th.—I think Geo: Croghan is return’d from ye Treaty & a Man who came in his Company from Bedford says, that he is so sick that he can’t live long.

11th.—The man that came up with G. Croghan also says, that he hear’d him and ye rest of his Company Vaunt, how that ye Quakers was flung at ye Treaty—this makes for my observation of ye 7th Instant denoating plainly that there was some party that strove against ye Quakers if not against ye whole Intention of that Treaty, & its report’d for truth here, that ye Beaver King has sent Governor Hamilton word that he may keep ye Goods (which was sent as far as Loudon by Waggon for ye Indians) & they would serve him for another Treaty. This looks like more of ye Good Inspiration ye Indians has receiv’d & not against ye Quakers only, but ye Government.

12th.—The Beaver is return’d & seems unwell & not so Cheerful as befor they went down, they seem half Snow’d with Rum.

13th.—All ye Indians I have Spoke with, thats been at ye Treaty, seems well satisfied; ye Beaver’s Oldest Brother John, says he never seen kinder people.

14th.—I never understood that ye Six Nations was Invited to this Treaty & I hear there were some
Hundreds of them there. If not Invit'd its been y* Pollicy of some hereaway to make it y* more Burdensom.

17th.—Y* Delawars are mightly pleas'd that I have preferr'd thier Tongue in learning most of it so that I can converse a little with them; one of them told me in Weighing his Skins, that I must not Chate or it would offend y* Good Spirit above; I told him I would not & that he should mind y* Same Rule.

18th.—The Indians say, that y* General report amongst thier people is, that Friends are kinder & better humour'd than any others.

19th.—The news of taking y* Havanna fills y* people here with Transports of Joy.

21st.—The Mingoes rais'd Reports of Seeing Cherokees not fare off, but it's not believ'd.

25th.—Thomas Hutchins has return'd from his long journey amongst y* Indians, brings no news, y* Indians used him very Civily.

27th.—The people in General very Healthy here.

28th.—It's Said many of the Shawanas at y* Lower Towns has Died of y* Ague, some say above 100, when Tho* Hutchins was there lately; they had many Hands at work he says to catch y* Devil it seems they want to kill or confine him.

10mo 4th.—Geo. Croghan & y* Col' has apply'd to us, for a quantity of Goods to be given in presents to y* Indians against they bring y* remain'r of y* Prisoners here which we have been assorting out of y* Store.

5th.—One Jn° Gray, an Old Trader, came up from y* lower Shawana Town & says that y* Shawanas were got so Cross, that he was affraid to stay there, that y* Mingoes had sent a Belt amongst them advising them to mischeif against y* English & had told them many lies.

6th.—Many of y* Old Traders say they are of opinion, that the Indians will Breake out again to war.
7th. — I understand that Robinson y* Smith, who came up here, had Authority from Judge Allen which Co1 Bouquet was to Execute, in sending One of our Old Traders Down to Answer his Creditor for a quantity of Goods he had last year & had made no return, y* Trader is M— & Cap1 Trent answer’d y* Debt.

8th. — Co1 Burd came here having a Commission for him & Josiah Davenport to receive y* Prisoners & make some presents to y* Indians.

9th. — Frederick Post came here by whom we were Inform’d much of y* state of y* Treaty.

10th. — It’s been reported here to Co1 Bouq1, that y* Indians were much dissatisfied with y* Treaty at Lancaster, which I must needs think is y* Information of such that would have it so, for all that we enquired of abo1 that Treaty they like thier usage very well.

11th. — This Evening Frederick Post set off to Tuscorawas to see how his Lad does that is Sick with y* Ague & to see what receptions he will have amongst y* Indians, being resovled if these Indians do not accept of his Service, he will Travel to y* West as far as y* English Garisons reach.

12th. — Post Asked my Advice in such a Case as he thought it his duty being Moved by y* Divine Spirit to settle amongst these Indians & so many Enemies Raised amongst them to his Service in y* Gospyle, having destroyed his Garden & small hope of being Alowed to Plant anything next Spring, having no help from y* Publick nor from his Brethren could not see how he could subsist. I told him that if y* work was of y* Lord & he intend’d to help y* Indians by his endeavours at this time, that these difficulties would be removed, & yet to try & wait to see the result. I think his residing amongst y* Indians might be of Great Service to y* English Intrest by removing their jealousies, which they are often subject to from Lies raised by y* Mingoes
& others to set them against us, such being now busy amongst y* Shawanas.

13th.—Receiv’d abo* 70 fine Deer Skins to Day. A Prisoner called Frederick Ire, who was a bitter Enemy against y* White people & threatened to kill Several of them, has been by y* Indians (at Mohickan John’s) this Summer killed, at y* request of some of y* white people as it is said.

14th.—A Lad that was sent to Venango by some of y* Traders is return’d & says that he was Robed & Strip’d of his Cloths, by Indians that Talked Delaware. One of them returned him his Shirt but I think he lost y* Road.

15th.—I have I think made mention before of y* Imposter which is raised amongst y* Delawares, in order to shew them y* right way to Heaven. This plan is Portrayed on a Dress’d Leather Skin & some on paper, fixes y* Earth at y* Bottom & heaven at y* top, having a straight Line from One to y* Other, by which their forefathers use’d to assend to Hapiness. Abo* y* middle is like a Long Square cuting thire way to Hapiness, at right Angles, & stoping them represent- ing y* White people, y* outside is a Long Squair like black Stroke Circomscribing y* Whole within it, & joyning on y* left Hand Issuing from y* White peoples place is cut many Strokes parralel to thire Squair or Situation, all these Strokes represents all y* Sins & Vices which y* Indians have learned from y* White people, through which now they must go, y* Good Road being Stopt. Hell being fixed not far off, there they are Led irrevocibly.—Y* Doctrine Issued on this & y* way to help it, is said to be, to learn to live without any Trade or Connections with y* White people, Clothing & Supporting themselves as their forefathers did; its also s* that y* Imposter Prognosticates that there will be Two or Three Good Talks & then War; this Gains amongst them so much, that mostly
they have quit Hunting any more then for to suply Nature in that way.

16th.—Having some discourse with Major Smallman (G. Croghans Cossen) about the Province Store, I mentioned perhaps y* Governm† might renew y* Law for continuing y* Store at Shamokin, if not for this, at Pittsburgh, he answer’d he thought not, as there was several Complaints against it, or y* conducting of it. I am doubtful y* Indians have been set on, to make complaints against that Store and y* Conductor of it.

17th.—Col' Burd Lodges at our House & seems Very Sociable; Allexr McKee is gone several Days agoe toward y* Lower Shawana Town with a Message from Croghan in regard to bringing in the Prisoners, as we are told.

18th.—The Indians at their Towns make feasts its said now every Day & perform their new devotions by Dancing, Singing & sometimes all Kneeling & praying (its said) to a little God who carries y* petitions & presents them to y* Great Being, which is too High & mighty to be Spoke to by them; this little God lives in some place near them.

19th.—The 10th Instn Allexr McKee went with a Message from Croghan to y* lower Shawana Town abo* bringing y* Prissoners in.

20th.—Charles Steward return’d from y* Shawana Town, being after his Daughter a Prisoner there, but Could not Get her, he says there has Died of them lately 180 Shawanas being taken & Dies in two Days after.

22d.—Frederick Post’s Lad that came here, Informs us that Shingass was very cross to him & almost starves y* White Children he has Prisoners.

23d.—We had a Letter from Post & he says that y* Indians receiv’d him with much seeming kindness.

24th.—Colo' Burd got me to Copy y* Commission & Instructions given him & Josiah by y* Governor, where
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y* Governor requests of 'em to endeavour to find out y* Polleticks that may be amongst y* Indians.

27th.—Samuel Lightfoot Esq', of Chester County, has been here abo' a Week, past, came from y* Warm Spring in Virginia.

30th.—Jacob Stroud's Waggons came & brought us sundry Goods, we Loaded them of with 31 Hundred Weight Skins.

11mo 1st.—Many Horses are said to be Stolen lately, y* Mingoes are chiefly accused with it.

4th.—Indian Simon came here with his Son from Cuscuskies, lodged in our House, he shewed me his Book containing their new Religion, being a favour, I think that no White man has received here beside me; he told me he was become a Minister now to y* Indians at Cuscuskies, he also said his Prayers by his book, which I look upon as Great Idolatry as he seemed to Adore y* Image of y* Son or Little God at y* top of it, it shewes no Image of y* Great being, but he says he is higher. I told him it offended y* Good Spirit to make any Likeness of him, & that man could not see him, but Good Men, that was known by him, always Loved all Men & would not be Wroth or angry with any. I doubt there is no good at y* Bottom of their Religion.

8th.—Wolf Keekyusions Son is put in y* Guard House for Stealing Horses.

10th.—Col' Burd's out of Patience almost waiting & no acco' from y* Governor nor y* Indians.

14th.—Cap' Called' came from Detroit, & says that y* 19 Day of last month it was so dark there all Day that they Burned Candles all Day, & that some dust fell on y* Linnin & Stain'd it.

16th.—Colonel Bouquet was pleas'd to give Samuel Lightfoot a Conveyance of a Lot of Ground on y* Bank of y* Monongahela, so as to take in his sons Grave who dyed here.
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17th.—Co Bouquet has agreed to let Co Burd & Davenport act as direct’d by y* Governor.

18th.—Samuel Lightfoot set off home with Paul Pierce. I sent by him a Map of this place & y* forks of y* Rivers here to Israel Pemberton, also a Letter to my Broth & one wth some seeds to Humphrey Marshall.

19th.—By some peoples talke here, they think y* Land on this side y* Allegheny Mountain will be made a King’s Governm & that in 2 years or less time, there will be encouragement from y* King to Settle these Lands to this place, Viz Pittsburgh.

20th.—Col Bouquet & Col Burd set off from here to go down to Philad &c.

21st.—Allex’ Mullen bro† me a Bottle of Oyle from y* Oyl Spring at Mooskingum. Wolf y* Indian, made his Escape last night from y* little House where he went with 2 Men to Guard him, out of y* Guard House.

23rd.—A letter arived from Allex’ McKee, at y* Shawan Town, signifying that some y* Indians were to come & bring in some Prisoners.

McKee also Gave Acco† that y* Mingoes has a War Belt & Bloody Tomhock now offering to y* Shawanas, requesting thier help as they are Going to Strike y* English & drive them off their Lands as they say.

25th.—I am Doubtfull y* Mingoes will not rest untill they breed Mischeif again; y* Picks had bro† y* belt to the Shawana;—Very like a Second time to stop y* Prisoners.

27th.—Silver Heels has been here Some Days with a Party of Mohacks, Going as Spyes or to War, they say against y* Spaniards, toward y* Missipi or Augustine; he has a Pass from Co Johnson; he is s’d to be one of the Senica Nation, but much attached to y* English, & has been with them at y* Taking of Martinico, (they say).

29th.—Silver Heels & Company Gone down y* River in 2 Canoes.
30th.—Geo. Croghan is come up from Bedford & Francis Innise & John Martin, on Speaking to him about their Children y* are Prisoners w* y* Indians, he told them (as they say) that y* Prisoners will never be Got from them unless he Gets them, & s* likewise, that y* Province had done so much hurt to y* Publick Interest, by their late Treaty held at Lancaster that it could not be repair’d under Great Cost to y* Crown (in divideing y* presents unequal).

12mo 1st.—Yesterday returned Allex* McKee from amongst y* Shawanes & Says, they used him Civily,— there is abo* 10 of them coming up & a few Prisoners.

8th.—A Company of Mingo Hunters came in, Saluted y* Fort & was answered by three Cannon Shot. They have had provissions & 20lb Powd'r & 40lb Lead & 20lb Tobacco & 2 doz knives given them, they may well bestow y° Giver Some Land.

9th.—Its tooke som Notice of that Geo. Croghan has not Invited the Chief Man of y* Delaware Nation, i. e. Netotwhelmy nor made him any presents hardly at all.

10th.—The s* Head Man & y* Half King Custologa not being invited to y* Last Treaty, in a proper Manner, as they Govern y* Greatest part of y* Nation, & y* chief invitations being mention’d to y* Beaver, now its s* they will not agree to his engagements with y* Governor, & y* Money Given him he has not hardly divided with any of them, So they are much dissatisfied.

13th.—Rec’d a Letter from Frederick Post giving me his opinion of y* Imposters new Religion raised amongst y* Indians, which he says y* Imposter tells them he had a Vission of Heaven where there was no White people but all Indians, & wants a total Seperation from us, & for that purpose advisses y* Indians to Impose upon y* Traders.

14th.—Keecaise set off up y* Monongahela to Hunt & trap after dealing abo* 20 Pounds worth Skins with us.
17th.—Major Smallman & Alex’ McKee set off down y* River with Goods toward y* lower Shawana Town; Smallman as a Trader & McKee as Croghan’s deputy to wait y* coming of y* Prisssoners in Spring.

18th.—Y* Garison here now keeps some Cannon Loaded & y* Train Men mounts Guard keeping a Match lighted day & night, as if they were apprehensive of an attack.

19th.—Old E. McCollon came here, Son of Chirk-og-a-nickan to whome it is s’d y* Properitor made a Deed of Newlin Township (that is now) on Brandywine, Chester County; he set off last spring from his House at Mosekingum, being going to see y* Governor to have a reward for s’d Land & was taken Sick which has detained him.

20th.—I dreamed y* 14th Ins¹ at night that a Mingo Young Man told me y* Mingoes Go to War with ye English next Summer.

21st.—Old McCollon says that John Langdale (when here) Encouraged him much to go down to be p² for his Lands.

22d.—Old Indian entertained at our House & recovers his Strength well, tells me he never was to see y* French but once while they lived here & then he did not half like them.

23rd.—As Dreams often come from y* Idies or thoughts that are prevalent in y* mind, I shall take notice here of a Dream the above Old Indian informs me he dreamed several years ago & informed me of it without our having any discourse about dreams. Says that in his dream he was conveyed as it seemed, in y* Air to a Spacious Building, which seemed to be upheld there without any foundation or Stay to hang by & a door opened where he went in, being conveyed into an inner apartment he seen y* Great Creator of all things, sitting an a Glorious Seat & appeared like a Man (as he Immagined like y* King of the White People); he
discoursed with him & told him ye Indians did not do right in giving such particular Names to Creatures as they had done, & told him that he had Created all things & that he had given Names to all Species which was enough & took him where another Door Opened, & ye Almighty being Called all Species of Creatures One after another with a mighty Sound, & each kind of Creatures appeared & took notice of their name when called, so after shewing him this said, ye General Name was Enough for Each Species; so conveyed ye Indians to ye inner Door as he was going away took leave & awaked. The Indians gives themselves ye Names of many Beasts & Wild Creatures, Vermin, fish & fowls of ye Air, which may be Abomination.

24th.—There is a Company of Shawanas come here, but I hear of no Prisoners coming. I am Informed by E. McCollen that there is a deal of some kind of Ore amongst Rocks & Hills (by a Path) at ye Crossing of a Run, ye Path that leads from ye Indians Town on Loyalhanning Creek, where now Stands Leigonier F to an Indians Town on ye other Branch North Eastward, both being Branches of Kiskeminitus, call'd by ye Indians the Conomugh Creek; some of ye Ore he bro to a Smith that lived at Loyalha7 who run it into a Bar & told him it was good Steel, but that he shou not tell any White people of it, Else it would soon breed War.

25th.—The above Indians Informs me that abo half ye Shawana Nation went away over ye Missipi (when they retired back down this river) & that now some of them is gone from ye Lower Towns to bring back the other part of that Nation from a Great Distance & they Expect them all Back next Sum'. Likewise he says, that there is a Nation of Indians Settled over ye Missipi below ye Mouth of Ohio, & a great distance back, who talks ye Delaware Tongue, he being informed by Indians ye were amongst 'em, also that about Six Years ago in ye Summer, there fell a Shower of Hailstones at
Lower Shawana Town as big as Walnuts, that broke through roofs of some Cabins, beat down some men & killed one person. Now this fall there died 150 men besides Women, with an Epidemical disorder at lower Shawana towns, which Old Man is of Opinion he said is sent from God upon them for they are very proud.

26th. — The Shawana Man (call'd Wide Mouth) one of which went to Treaty at Lancaster, & his family about 9 in number in here two Young Women called Susey Voss & / , taken from Back parts Virginia, & two boys to be taken from some parts Pennsylvania, boys can only talk Shawana & when ask'd their former Names, one said his Name was Jacob Adam, & other said his Name was Nellins Stan, that by this they seem to be of Dutch Extraction, being deliver'd to Agent they remain at our House having a private room to Sleep in & locked up every Night.

27th. — White Eyes come from Hunting low down this River, & One Benj Sutten, a White Man, being formerly amongst Traders. Sutten Relates that White Eyes whilst out a Hunting together & when at Home at his House, causes him to Read his Bible frequently & what part he don't understand he asks Sutten meaning of it, will not allow his Children to make any Noise to interrupt, or allow other Indians to laugh or dispise it, he would rather then 50 Pounds he could Read he says, & intends to send his son to Philada to be taught; — allows it was God's people Made Scripture.

28th. — There came a Canoe Load of Indians & Peltry from White Eyes last night, who all delt them, at our House; House being thong'd before with Indian Customers, & Prisoners, So that we have whole Trade almost that comes to Place notwithstanding Croghan sits at Ind Helm & lives close to his Cossen Smallman's Store, of which he has Over-
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sight now I suppose. Y* Alegheny drives wth much Ice & y* Monongahela is clear.

29th.—Had another Canoe wth Skins to Day from Canostoga Will, i. e. Billey Sam & Compy; been very busey all Day. White Eyes & I had several disputes, he has been affronted at y* Soldiers for not leting him in y* fort, it being against orders. I told him that themselves i. e. y* Indn were y* Cause of it, as y* Mingoes had their Messengers abroad urging for War again, throwing reflexions at y* White people, but I pin’d him so tight that he had nothing to say but Enough & acknowledged it was true.

30th.—Finished dealing with our Guests & most all of them are gone; the weather got very warm again, & y* Snow is much gone. An Indian having 13 Beaver Skins, told me he wanted wampum for them & that he was offered it 10/ Cheaper per 1000 then we asked. I told him I would Weigh his Beaver & tell how much we wou’d give, then take them to y* Other, & see if he gave more, so he Brought ’em back again to us.

31st.—Another Canoe wth Peltry come to Day to us down the Loyalhannine & Keecaise from Redstone. There are many Invitations from some of our Towns people, to these prisoners to go to their Houses but not allowd of as their practices is not Commendable.

1763. 1mo 2d.—E. McCollen Says One of his Sons is Indebtd to Levy & Co. & Jn° Ormsby y* Sum of 400 Pounds. Having Much Peltry Gathered last Year to Pay them with, Some Mingo Wariors Going down y* River told them that y* English & Indians Were at War here & at Venango, so he put his peltry into an Empty House & set it on fire; y* Old Man says he must pay y* Debt for him if he Gets Pay for his Land.

3rd.—Cloudy this Day. Keeceaise set off for Redstone & took Letter’s to y* Commr there to be forward’d to Paterson’s Creek, concerning these Prisoners to thier Relations there.
7th.—I am informed by Benjamin Sutton, a Hunter & Traper & resides chiefly amongst ye Indians, being many years with ye Chickishaws & had gone with them to War some Hundred Miles over ye Missipi, against a Nation that lives in Clear Savannas in a Level Contry, who uses dried Buffelo Dung & Grass for fuel, having no Commerce with any White people, Uses Bows & Arrows pointed with Buck's Horn, with a large Target on ye left arm made of ye Skins of 2 Buffeloe Necks, with Sand betwixt to fend off; no Woods, so Scarce of Water, that ye Chickshaws caries long Sharp Sticks to Work holes down in Chance places where they reach water, & after Settleing they Suck out with hollow hollow reeds. Some Distance from this lies other Nations in Whoes land are the Rhinosses or Elephant Master, being a very large Creature of a Dark Colour having a long Strong horn growing upon his Nose (which he kills Elephants) a Short tail like an Elk; two of s Horns he seen fix'd over a Gate at S Augustine, & that its Bones of Some of these lies down in Buffelo lick by ye Ohio, wher ye Great teeth Comes from, the Sholder Blades in s lick he seen Nine in num', ye largest abo' a Yard Wide at ye Top, some teeth weighing above Seven Pounds (I seen One bro' here & part of a Horn ye tooth weigh'd above five Pounds)—that ye Spaniards is limmited by a River some distance South from ye Mouth of ye Missipi being the boundaries between them & ye French over ye Missipi & not far from ye s Boundary ye Spaniards have a mine where many Men in Constant at Work, tho' to be Gold, that ye Mouth of ye River Missipi Contains two Sandy flat Islands from which runs up Steam long Sand Sholes, Making three Mouths or passages into ye Bay, ye Westermost next ye Spanish Main, being always used & ye Shiping inward bound Sails up beyond ye two Islands, keeping ye far Side a Considerable Distance up ye River, then if bound to St Augustine Crosses above
y* Sands & turns down Stream to y* Harbour. That y* Tide comes abot' 400 Miles up y* Missipi, & that large Sloops comes up to New Orleans it being but abot' 400 or 500 Miles down from y* Mouth of y* Ohio y* Banks having much Scum like Iron rust & in places Verdigreese, that in passing up & down they never drink y* Missipi water it being of a Dark purple Colour & very Phisickal; y* above y* Mouth of Ohio its no more Called Missipi but Wabash being abot' 1½ Miles Wide & y* Ohio at y* Mouth abot' 1 Mile Wide with no falls to Interrupt only y* Side a little abot' New Orleans y* River abot' 3 Miles Wide.—He being Offten up & down y* Missipi Says also, he is informed by his acquaintance Sam' Peckwood, who was taken Prisoner out of Virginia & lived 2 years amongst y* Tawas up near Detroit or further, that there is a Great Lake they always Cross Going from Lake Mitchigan or Mitchelemackenack to Mount Real which I judge to be Lake Huron, in which is two Islands, one of which (in y* Summer is defended so by Snakes that they swim to Meat a Canoe when Coming near Shore & obliged to beat them off with y* Paddles seeing many on y* Shore.—Y* Other Island Still worse, in which many of y* s* Indians & French have landed & all that ever went in it never returned; when some small Distance in y* Woods was hear’d by them that lay off in Canoes to cry & scream; at one time 14 Men Going in it never one return’d, y* other Company waiting two Days & two Nights off some distance but could never hear more, of them; y* Indians call it y* Devil's Island, they seen Paths much trod & like a large Man's or Bear's track in y* Sand by y* Shore, y* French imagins it to be a Dragon that destroys them. Y* Island is s* to be abot' 3 Miles long. I know not how much Credit to give this Story, it may be so, but very Strange if true. The Indians also Inform'd me that North of y* Lakes in a Cold Contry there lives a Nation of very Lusty Indians, who are Man Eaters & Eat all
flesh Raw; after Eating to Satisfaction can fast Ten Days; that they have Sheep in that place & Rhinosses of a smaller kind then they to y® Southward.

I think its in y® English Nations Power to be of much more Service to y® Indians then they are, by Endeavouring to civilize them & by taking proper Methods for that purpose instead of which, those that are most conversant amongst them, are mostly Men of Base principles, rather joyning with y® Indian customs & abominations, or shewing ’em worse Examples than they Naturally are prone too, & its in Vain to pretend to Endeavour to turn them to the English Customs, Religions or Manners, Whilst they see frequently better & honester Men amongst themselves then Most English People going by that Name amongst them, to lay a foundation for reforming them; it must be, by such authority as to withdraw all such people from amongst them & none permitted to trade amongst ’em, but Men of Sound Principles & Strict Morals that by their Life & behaviour the Indians might See something beautiful in Real Christians,—but this is not y® Case they are more Excited to abhore y® Name of a Christian by y® Vile Pretenders to that name resorting w® them & at this place which is Called an English Town and perhaps One half y® money spent to carry on y® Last War w® them had it been in time laid out in some good Meathods as above might not Only Attatched them to y® English but have drawn them from Our Enemies who takes more pains to Ingraft bad principles amongst them then the English do Good ones.

12th.—Cold Cloudy Weather but not much Snow; y® River almost Shut in some places. I think y® Command’ Cap’ Acquay Seems doubtful of G.... C.... drawing so much Provision & Goods for Indians when we See None here that wants Either but what they buy. Twelve Hundred of Flour Every Week & Meat in proportion is y® common Run; he wanted to draw double
y* quantity that he Gave y* Mingoe Hunters abo1 a month ago, but y* Comm1 would not Sign y* order.

13th.—Rain last Night, Keecaise was telling his Cos-

sen Nee McCollen, that at Braddock’s Defeat there was

not One of y* Delawares & only four Mingoes & three

Shawanas, all y* Rest Northr2 Indians.—Nor at Grant’s

Defeat No Delawars but at y* attacks upon Leigonier

y* two last there were many Delewars.

14th.—Nee McCollon informs me that up Loyalhaning

Creek from y* Fort, y* Indians used to have a Path,

which joyned another Leading from Yonghagheny, &

Crossed y* Laurel Hill abo4 Ten Miles from Legonier,

South of y* King’s Road, by that Path on y* Top of y*

Laurel Hill there is Copper Ore which produces Verdi-
gress to be seen; also that he used to take Skins in a

Cannoe up Kiskimmuts & Carry them on their Backs

in a Day Cross to y* West Branch Susquehana, being

abo4 16 Miles distance & fine Level Land, from thence

had a Good passage down that Branch, being Two or

three Days journey to where it went through y* Aleg-
heny Mountain,—but Good passage through.

15th.—I think we are now too Many for Jn° Hart tho

he is an Old Trader & seems to have as great influence

in drawing y* Ind*as as any of them, having bro1 Kee-

cais’s Son called y* Gentleman Over y* River & lodged

at his house bro1 his Skins over yet y* Gentleman sent

for me when come ashore & ask’d if we would buy them

all, which I told him Yes, so we had 110 Skins y* Whole

he had.

16th.—Snow’d all Day & is Winter like. Tho* Hutchins relates that the Indians up above Lake Huron

says One Winter Many Hundr4 of them went & lived in

Huts made of Rushes, which they Carried a Great Way

on y* Ice & fished there cutting holes through y* Ice, but

a Sudden Thaw came with much Wind & Rain, so that

all of them were Drownd’d before they Could reach y* 

Land—so they call it Devils Lake.
18th.—Nee McCollen Informs me, that at your time Fredrick Post came out first with a message from your Governm' inviting your Indians to Peace, it was reported at Mooskingum & all your Towns, that a Quaker was come to speak with them & Invite them to Desist, upon which they were Glad & agreed to quit Immediately, p haps had they not harboured that Oppinion it might gone worse with Post. This Day we Measured your Weadth of your Monogehela on your Ice & made it 410 Yards Wide.

20th.—Clear’d up but very Cold your Monongahela Measured opposite your Fort is 430 your over & opposite Grant’s Hill I think it will be 500 your. We hear that Bill Hickman a Delaware Ind‘ has Informed Paterson & your Inhabitants about Juniata that your Indians intends to break out in a War against us Next Spring; but as we know him to be a Roague & Horse thief, we judge his report to be more for Self Ends than Truth or Good Will to us, not but w' your Mingoess I believe would set on your Western Nations to Strike us if they Could in order to Get them und' their Yoke again but I think they cannot Effect it, & they themselves will hardly begin.

21st.—I Dreamed abo' 2 Nights ago that I see your Devil looking into our House, only his head put round to peep in, but on seeing me, he withdrew; so I think if your Agent does his part I will do mine & we shall be Enabled to keep him Out.

22d.—I am told your Wayendots went to War last fall against the Cherokees & carried off two Women Captives; a Party of the latter persued & tracked your Weyendon-dots into One of your Shawana towns, where they Lay hid in your Daytime, & at Night looked all about your Houses, to know whether your Shawanas had your Captives, at last discover’d themselves to a Shawana Man & Enquired after your Women they had lost; being inform’d your Wayendots took them that way they sent your Shawana man to Inform that they wanted to pass to War against your Wayendots & Mingoess but would not Molest your
Shawanas or Delawars so they follow’d & I hear has taken 5 or 6 Scalps & prisoners of y* Wayondots, & are at peace w* the Shawanas & Delawars.

23rd.—I find that y* Indian Kings or head men has no arbitary Authority, but that all publick affairs are acted Volentary, Even in Going to War they will hardly persuade any but all goes Volentary, so that notwithstanding w* y* head men may promise in regard to bringing in y* Prisoners its not in their power nor practice to force any thing from y* rest that they look upon as their property, without their Consents. I understand that some head men of y* Shawanas has Pleaded Exceedingly in Councils for Delivering up y* Prisoners, telling the Indians they were Blind & Stupified & new nothing hardly. This report is Contradicted by some Delawars & says they are going to War against y* Cherokees, & has been geting a War Billet made here.

24th.—Rain all Day. The Prisoners tells me that y* Shawanas always when they Swim Over this Ohio river low down, that they are in danger of some Monsterous Creatures pulling them under Water & devouring them, to remedy which they Carry a root with them which they either Chew or infuse & rub on thier Skin, y* Smell of which is So offensive to y* Creatures they will notutch them, they Say those Creatures (which I take to be Alegaters) will pull a Buffalo Bull under Water & Destroy him. The Root used is s* to be Black Angilico, y* smooke it also.

26th.—About 5 o’Clock this Morning y* Ice in y* Monongehela broke loose, drove so that it Stop’d y* passage about Shirtees Island & y* Ice penn’d up to y* Point here, driving up y* Allegheny, broke some Canoes loose some Stuck in y* Ice & some drove up y* Allegheny. Abo* 7 o’Clock y* Water riseing made a passage below, so it drove away.

27th.—Last Night much Ice drove down y* Allegheny
but it don't rise much this Morning, it seems clear of ice only along Shore.

28th.—Came your Rid Hak, & Wide Mouth's Brother & Teachenosens Head Men of your Shawanas & 8 or nine more; bro't Two Women & a Child, deliver'd them, being their one property & signifies your rest will come in your Spring; also a boy deliver'd up bro't from your Picks, Called Jacob Thomas, his Parents are said to be in Virginia, his Father Call'd William Thomas.

29th.—Nee McCollon & John Hickman being in our House, was discoursing of Tediuscong & all your Remain'd of your Delawares on Susquahanna coming this next Spring & Settleing on Beaver Creek above the Cus cuskeys where they talked of having a Great Town.

30th.—We propos'd to Send these prisoners away to Cumberland but your Command'r Cap't Aquor thinks it is too hard for 'em to walk & lye in your Woods, as your Snows lyes on your Ground tho these that come last lay so coming & they say could not have a Skin to ly on.

2mo 5th.—An Express came here with your News of a Peace w't your French & Spaniards, that your English is to hold North America to your Mississippi at which your Soldiers Rejoyce but not your Officers. I am very Glad of it & hopes your Indians may Repent of thier folly.

6th.—Had Some Letters Ordering us to take a New Inventory of all your Store Goods, & this I am busy about.

10th.—The Allegheny is broke up 2 days ago & a flood in both Rivers, your Allegheny runs thick with Ice.

14th.—These Shawanas seems very conceited, which bro't in the Prisoners, & one of their Youngsters told your Prisoners in our House, that Geo. Croghan was your Only Man amongst us they regard'd & only for him it might be War again, & that none of us knew how to please Indians but him.

16th.—We are of Oppinion now that there's no occasion of humoring the Indians so much, & Waiting on,
& making such presents as is frequently Made or pretend’d in y* Kings name or nobodys unless y* Givers.

17th.—It's my oppinion that if y* Indians are Spoke to, address’d, or dealt with, in any kind of Transactions, timmerrously, as if afraid of them, it makes them y* Bolder, & more insulting or imposing, but when Circumstances will allow it, to Spake Truly, Boldly & Honestly, letting them know their place, their Errors & their duty, & useing them well with all it would cast a Damp upon them that would make them have an Awfull regard for us whereas now they under Value us & dis-pise us,—for they are soon danted when dealt boldly with, being full of Pride & ambition, but Strangers to humility, but as dogs learns it.

19th.—This Day Sent off y* Prisoners, only Jacob Thomas who chus’d to Stay untill he heard from his parents. Sent Sam' Shittle our hired man a Horse & provissions, along with them as far as Bedford.

21st.—Frederick Post came here last Night from Cyahaga & informs that y* Delawars had Except’d y* War Belt & Tomhock, which came from y* Six Nations last Summer, that they held War dances & Sung of bringing in more White Prisoners, & of hearing of y* Peace being made & y* French to quit this side y* Mississippi. Their head King Neetotwhelemy, i—e Newcomer was Struck dumb for a considerable time & at last sª he did not know whether y* News was true but if they could hear it from their fathers i. e. y* French he would believe it, sª after that he was afraid, on which Post told him that shew’d he did not love y* English otherwise he would be Glad; he sª y* English was grown too powerfull & seemª as if they would be too Strong for God himself.

24th.—Frederick Post having Accompanied Josiah Davenport to Buyerlies, he is return’d it been Snowy Weather.
26th.—There has Some Pack Horses come & I sent off Six Load of Skins, got 29 Load remaining.

27th.—Some Packhorses come w* Flour as far as Tortle Creek where they had Six Horses Stolen, by y* Indians whom they follow’d & came up with them, but being too Numerous they could not get y* Horses again; the White Men has complain’d to y* Command* here & he order’d Croghan to send after them, its said he has sent an Indian about it, but we think that these men who receive Tracks of Land & presents of y* Indians thier Mouths is thereby Stop’d; that they cannot Spake Right or Boldly telling them y* Consequence of their Thieveing so that its all Smoothed & y* Indians are not let into y* knowledge how much its resented & may be of dangerous consequence to y* Publick Peace.

28th.—The Mingoes has a Hunting Cabbin about 15 Miles up y* Allegheny; having Stole 6 or 7 Horses in y* fall, some White Men went from here a few days ago & Stole y* s* Horses back to this place while y* Mingoes were here Dealing their Peltry & its tho* its y* same that Stole y* Six now from Tortle Creek.

3mo 1st.—James Mokesin a Delewar Man Informs me that its agree’d to by their Whole Nation, to follow thire new Plan of Religion, & all their Boys are to be Train’d to y* use of the Bow & Arrow for Seven Years Then to Live entirely on dry’d Meat & a Sort of Bitter Drink made of Roots & Plants & Water y* Women & Antient Men may Raise & Eat Corn at y* Expirati* of y* Seven Years, to quit all Commerce with y* White People & Clothe themselves with Skins, he also s* that none of the other Nations have fell into y* Scheme, only y* Delawars, & that if any y* others was to drink their Bitter Water they would die,—this is s* to be Physick to purge out all that they got of y* White peoples ways & Nature.

2nd.—The Prisoners bro* here by y* Shawanas Inform’d us, that one Day in our house One of thier head
Men call’d ye Corn Cob said, that ye English had no right to live here, & that they should leave it & must do it.

3rd.—Some Artificiers come to build Battoes, its s. to go down this River to Build a fort opposite to New Orleans, which they say, lies on ye west side ye Mississippi.


7th.—Rain’d & thunder’d in ye Night & Rain’d all this Day mostly ye Rivers Rises fast & we have prepair’d for a nother Flood having Got our Goods put upstairs clear’d ye Cellar & ye lower Shelves in ye Store—

8th.—This Morning ye Water was rose equal to ye Banks in some places, notwithstanding some people would not believe that it would overflow, but toward Noon it got in ye Street & they began to muster off, but ye dead Faith of Several promp’d ’em to delay carrying away their Goods untill ye Water was got so high that they had to break in ye Roofs or Gable Ends of ye Houses to get them away in Battoes. We kept House & fire untill Night, but had bespoke house room at Marcus Hulins, on ye Hill, if it appear’d dangerous to continue in our Own. I had asked ye Command Cap’ Aquaer, leave to goe into Col’ Burd’s House on ye Hill, being Empty, he signified he would let me have it, but when I sent for ye Key he told ye Man he must reserve it for himself to fly too; we Concluded, some of us, to go to Hulins & ye others to stay in ye House upstairs while they could keep ye Cannoe in ye House, under ye Door Head, so Frederick Post Chused to stay and Sam Shittle I left with him, but their Escape they made in ye Night, Locking ye House fast & had difficulty getting through ye Ice.

9th.—The Rain & thaw continued untill this Day, but
slowly & y* River Rose by y* General Acco't abo't 18 inches higher then last year. We Came several times down in our Canoe & went round y* house, seeing no danger, y* Water fell so that in y* Evening we could get y* Cannoe run in under y* Door head so I wanted Post to stay on y* Hill & I & our hired Man would get in y* House, but he rather chus'd to come & Sleep up Stairs in our house, which they two did, y* Wind rose so high in y* night that they were affraid y* House would tumble down & Post had got an Ax ready to beat off the Shingles to get out on y* Roof in that case.

10th.—This Morning y* Water fell so that y* Ground was bare round our house, so we got a fire Made & Clear'd y* Mud off y* floors; y* Wind blew so high & not Cold, that I set y* Windows all open & got y* floors dry before Night; had put all y* Goods up stairs & so high on y* Shelves in y* Store, that we had none dammaged, only our Garden Posts & pailles were carried off.

11th.—To Day we Got y* ditch oppen'd to y* River & into y* Cellar to Carry off y* Water had two Men laying y* Water & throwing into y* Race all the day, we have it almost empty; catched some young pearch in bailing out y* Water.

12th.—It frose smartly last Night, Anthony Tamson y* Tanner being coming up from y* Country having bo't a Negro Girl & came to y* House on this side Tortle Creek, dined there but would not be persuaid'd to stay, y* Water of y* Creek had overflow'd y* Bottoms so that coming to a run that cross'd y* Road to y* Creek he was Drown'd there & y* Negro Girl could Stand where he was & tryed to help him out but beeing too heavy & she relates she left him holding by a tree & went back to y* house taking both their Horses back, informed y* People—this hapen'd y* 8th Ins't y* same Day Shepherd who was y* head Carpenter here only Coming from his father-in-laws Viz Midcalfs about Nine Miles along y*
road from here, came off with some other Company to come here to his Wife he delay'd behind y* rest, & they came y* new road, he took y* Old One & came to where it takes close to y* Allegheny River in y* Bottom where he was found drowned.

13th.—I have had much discourse w th F. Post & find him so bigotted that he censures all others, & shews little charity for any that differs from his Principles.

14th.—There are three Coffins washed bare, over on y* Island & painted its like some Indians that dyed there in y* War time.

15th.—Wrote to y* Commissioners, & y* Agent, Jn° Armstrong, a Delaware Man, Informs me that Simon of Cuscuskey & 19 more y* Delawares are gone down y* River to War against the Cherokees, & that some of all y* Western Nations & two Hund' Mingo's are going, but it proves false.

16th.—Sent my Letters off with Ensign Hutchins he going to Bedford on his way to Carolina.

20th.—Frederick Post has had a Meeting to Day with y* Military Men & y* Inhabitants, in y* foorenoon preach'd in English, y* afternoon in Dutch, but I went not to hear them; they had y* Musitioners playing Hymns & they were Drunk yesterday. I dreamed two Nights ago that I happen'd to Sit down in some Strange house with some Company & instantly it was made known to me, so that I doubted it not, that y* Devil sat in y* Company, I felt great abhorance & resentment of Mind, & as I was getting up to depart I looked with resentment at y* Devil & he appear'd to have Frederick Posts ficognomy & Dress in all appearance, So I departed, & awaked. This Man has told me that y* papists did not Worship Idols & endeavour'd to Excuse their making such things as if useful, but I shamed him so that he was Struck Silent. He told me, that St. Patrick's Night, so call'd, as he was drinking with y* officiers, & Geo. Croghan being President by y* Name
of St. Patrick, Drank Several Healths when y* President gave out King James's Health, which pass’d till it came to Lieu' Roscurdge who s, he was a Dam’d Raschael & although Much in Liquor was oblidg’d to drink a Bumper for refusing. I told Post in some parts this would be looked upon like Treason & y* Man that had that so near his heart was not very fit to be Trusted as an Ind* Agent for y* Crown of England, considering what Interest & Influence he has amongst so many Nations of Indians, & y* Effect that French or Spanish Money might have on him.

21st.—This Old Man i. e. Post, would also endeavour to make us believe that y* Christians had Given y* Days & Months y* Common Names they go by when they had alter’d y* Sabbath to y* first Day of y* Week, but I told him he must produce better proof for that, before I should believe him, & that they were fell into great Appostisey if they done so.

This Man Professes Strongly of experienceing y* work of regeneration, being 12 Years under great Exercise of Mind, & now says he is led by y* divine Spirit but he Sallutes men by y* Hat & bowing & Cringing drink Healths & be their Humble Servant.

Post Told me, that Men led by y* Divine Spirit Might preach at any time they pleased, I told him they might & Exhort but not have y* Testimony of Jesus which is y* Spirit of Prophesey.

26th.—The Indians seem under great Concern at y* Advantage y* English has Gain’d, by the peace being undr' jealousys that we will revenge their former Insults.

27th.—I have told some y* Indians on this Acco' that our principles leads us to better things then theirs do them, One of the Delawars called John Armstrong, who led a party of them in y* War, & is reconed an Ill fellow had much discourse on this Subject & he’s disapproving of y* Western Council fire being Errected signifying
that ye Old One at Philad & Onandago or Albany was ye Best & that at Philad was always Good, I asked him, as it was so and Pennsylv always used them well, why did they Breake it, & put it out by Going to War; his answer was that ye white people covets ye Land & Eat them out by Inches & that they are doing ye same here, which was against ye Will of God. I told him that if their people would amend their ways leave off ye Abominations they had amongst 'em & fear God, then he might Establish & increase them, but if they resisted as they do; it was my oppinion that they would Vanish & decay away & that ye Great Creator was Angry with their Works & would Give their Contry to Other people, if they Strove by War to divert it, it would come so much ye sooner to pass, observing ye Effects of the last War; he Acknowledged it might be so for he belived God was Angry with them.

30th.—The s Indian wants to Go with me & Old Nee McCollon & his Son when we Go to Philad but was affraid ye White people would kill him, but I removed his jelousey much on that head, but dont Covet his Company as he loves Liquor too much.

31st.—The Other two Above, has Engaged me to Wait their time & Go with them to which I am very free.

4mo 1st.—Frederick Post has been Courting me to go with him amongst ye Western & Northern Nations of Indians & so round to Cannada, but my Constitution I, think might not be sufficient for ye Living I must be subject too to bear it.

He tells me, he knows of No Man Else, Amongst our Friends that understands, or is fit to go amongst ye Indians, & Owned that I had some religion which he will allow very few to have,—but ye more I know of Indian affairs ye less I covet it.

He also informs me, that when Geo. Croghan was going to ye Treaty Held at Detroit 2 Years ago, he told him that it was not necessary to insist on Delivering up
Prisoners yet, but in time we might Get them all;—also last fall after * Treaty at Lancaster when McKe was sent by Croghan to * Shawanas, Post told him at Tuscorawas that some of them were coming up with Prisoners, he answer’d he wish’d they had deferred it longer.

4th.—Whatever * Cause of these Messages might be, sent by McKe we see no better Effect this Spring, then that, we hear there is 100 of * Shawana Warriors coming to see what Good usage they shall receive amongst us, & no prisoners but five that they had deliv’d to McKe in * Winter; he is now return’d & these are coming at his Heels, a very likely Scheam to increase the Charges to our Province, or to ease dislike in * Indians to it, as * Commanders here allows no presents to be made them by Croghan, since * Province has took it in Hand, & now he wanted to Slip off to Bedford out of their way, but * Command’ told me he shall Stay their Coming.

5th.—Croghan wanted to Settle some Acco* of Goods del’d him by * Command* Orders for * Indians, out of our Store, offering me Peltry or a Draft on Philad* as he termed it, but I refus’d both, untill * Agent comes, not knowing whether his Draft might be protested, & knowing * Peltry he has to offer are not Merchantable, & upon settleing must deliver him * Orders we had from * Command* & put * whole in his power.

12th.—I sent off * remain’d of * Peltry we had on hand 17 Horse Loads.

13th.—The Shawana Wariors are Come 90 in Num’ & 5 prisoners, they saluted * Fort with three rounds of Shot & were answered by firing three Cannon Shot.

14th.—I Coppied a piece of Writing that C* F. Post Draw’d up about all his journeys & Messages amongst * Indians for * Publick & complains he only receiv’d £100 of * Province of Pennsylvania which was not over what his Expences came to. It’s word’d as if done by
another hand, & directed to ye printers of ye London Magazine to have it published in hopes to have some pension settled on him.

15th.——John Ormsby is return’d & a New Commissary to take his place. Josiah Davenport return’d & bro’t me a Letter from ye Commissioners giving their Aprobation of my going down to see my friends. The Shawanas that came here Lately, as I supose Invited in order to create Expences to ye Province & forbid to bring in ye Prisoners, but ye Deputy Agent being disappointed as Josiah Davenport was not here, there was none to Act in regard to making presents in behalf of ye Province, so Croghan nor his deputy Spoke at ye Treaty but Jn° Hart, a Trader, was employ’d & order’d to take Eleven Bundles Skins that ye s’d Indians had bro’t (when ye first party came in ye Winter & some this last party bro’t) to deliver them with ye Prisoners that was to all come this Spring, these Skins were depossited in the Fort untill ye Prisoners were deliver’d which is certain Since they had fully determined & would have bro’t them had not Some of us that find it our Intrest put a Stop to it. So Hart took ye Peltry & deliver’d them presents to ye Value as he liked, I supose, it was talked ye Indians were not very well Satisfied but they have no reason to blame any one unless them that Invited them on this idle Errand. Y° Chief they said was that they come to Eat & drink with us & see us & this they did for ye Command’ Spared them Liquor enough to make them drunk; they mentioned that they see ye English were making Shoes to go down ye River, but they gave it as a friendly Advice that they might not go down to be contented here at this place, for there were many Bad people down there, but were answer’d that it was agread on by ye Kings of England & France, that ye former should take possession of ye Forts ye other had There, & that we should not go in ye Dark but in ye Open Light no War being Intended——So being asked
when they would bring in all y* Prisoners they answer’d they did not know, & its very like to be true, because y* man that they chiefly adhere to amongst us has carried his Polliticks so far that they do not know his pleasure yet in that point but I hear y* General has refused to pay him all y* Large Sums he made presents of to y* Indians on y* King’s Account, & as he will now be in danger of haveing no more presents of Land made him from y* Indians, also appearing Meaner or poorer in thier Eyes since he’s no longer enabled to put largely into thier mouths, so he is for declineing y* Service, & perhaps expects a Thousand pounds from y* King to bring him back to go down y* Mississippi, but he has gained too much influence over y* Indians already at other peoples cost which one day y* English may be convinced of.

5mo 6th.—Some Days ago came an Express from Detroit with Letters from Cap’ Campbell that y* Miami Indians had taken up y* Belt that was handed round amongst y* Indians last fall in order to joyne y* Mingoes to go to War with us, having deliver’d s’d Belt to him & acquaint’d him with y* Scheam. A party of about 30 Mingoes of which Silver Heels was one came here going to War w* y* Cherokees, they applied to the Command’ Cap’ Aquoyer for some Amunition but receiv’d none & was told of their War Belts they send out So often in ord to raise War against us. I went to see Silver Heels, being such a Steady friend to y* English during y* War, & Shew’d my regard for him amongst them by giving him some good Tobacco, & Mentioned to my Company that he was y* Man that went to Martinico w* y* English, at which he seem’d well pleas’d. Many of y* others were half French I understood, but y* Cap’ seem’d to be all Ind*.

10th.—Some Traders that came here from Salt Licks, up Beaver C*, say that y* Delawars had held a General Feast, there y* Provision for it was 24 Bears 24 Deer
24 Turkeys & 24 Squirrels, by report they Hold this feast Yearly but Last Year had mist so this year they provided Double y° Quantity of Provission, y° Yearly alowance being but 12 of a Sort, & y° manner of performing it is. They Choose 6 Men head Councilors & 6 Young Men 12 in Numr which bring 12 Stones & make them red Hot in a fire, on which Stones they Burn y° fat of y° Creatures, in this manner, they bring 12 poles or long rods with Which they make a Booth cover'd with Blankets, in this Boothe they have y° Hot Stones & burn y° fat in it where thy Swet, & at y° same time Spake out to y° People, in y° following manner: Hear all of you & take Good Notice that in this manner Your Grandfather's perform'd their Worship, y° others gives y° Approbation, so y° Old Men in y° Booth make a hum- ing Noise as by way of adoration or Prayer, & the Whole is finished with Singing & Dancing.

24th.—I have been down to Ligonier & back to Clappums at y° mouth of Sweekly Creek & have taken y° Courses (& Esteem° y° Distances, at 20 p at a time) all round.

24th.—Dealt with Keecaisses Son call'd y° Gentleman above £41. Worth (before Breakfast this Morning) in Peltry.

25th.—Some people here applying to Frederick Post to Marry them, he advised them to perform it as they do by a Magistrate and applyed to me to write a mar- riage Certificate which I did, as also an Advertism° to stand 30 Days before y° Marriage be performed. The young man being a Soldier did not like being advertised, but being y° Command° Waiting man y° Command° oblidg'd him to it, so y° Advertisem° are put up in three sundry places, which makes y° people here Stair, in being so Strange a thing here.

27th.—This morning soon came over y° Allegheny Custologas' Brother & Son James Mocasin y° Tortles Heart & another Ind° from Shenango. I went to y°
Shore to meet them & invited 'em to our House to Deal, so most of them came; we Delt about 80 Pounds worth before Dinner; they were in an unusual hurry, bo' a Good deal of Powd'r & Lead & want'd more Powd'r but we had it not well to Spair; they seemed in no bad humour but rather in fear & haste, y* Tortle's Heart did not cross y* river w' th y* rest but went to Alex' McKee & asked him when he tho't to go down in y* Country, McKee answer'd in Ten Days; y* Indian desired he would go that Day or in four Days at furthest or else he should not expect to see him alive more & Signified as if y* Indians was just ready to Strike us.

28th.—The Command' set y* Men to repair y* Fort, & fasten up fachiens to Screen y* Men; orders was issued to all y* Inhabitants to form them into a Militia y* next Day.

29th.—This Morning before I was up, Cap't Trent called at my window & told me that Wm Clappum (who had been y* Collonel) & most of his Work people was Killed, two men having made their escape, one of which I seen at our House after, who informed us that y* Agent's Horse was Stole by y* Indians, that I left at Clappums abo' two Weeks before.

This morning at Breakfast I acquainted y* Agent that if he would get ready y* Inventory of y* Goods (which wanted but a few Hours work to compleat it), I would be for Setting off, as I Expected to have been ready & Gone before that time, but he signified I might as well Stay over untill I seen y* Consequence of y* reports of y* Indians & whether they would come to attack y* Fort or not. As he delayed finishing it for y* Matter of two Weeks, having no hinderance, I Expected he would detain me untill y* Communicati' would be cut off with y* Inhabitants & then I must tarry untill Winter perhaps, which I did not choose, having y* Commissioners Leave above a Month before to come Down. I Considered of it Silently & y* determination
was to go to y° Command° & ask him for a Pass, which I did & he Granted & Wrote a few Lines with me to y° Serjint that was at F° Burd at Redstone, desiring him to come with his two men in a Canoe down to Pittsburgh. Y° Agent seemed in a Passion at my Going off so, & Signified I looked upon myself as my own Master, & that I must not Expect to return there again while he was Agent, I told him I did not intend it, & upon asking him how long he wanted me to waite for y° Inventory, he signified he would not tell me nor I should not Stay now if I would, being I presumed to go on my own Accord, now Goe I must for this Boston Man from y° Beginning I tho° wanted an Assistant of his own Choosing whom he might claim more domminion over then he could over me, as I was choose by y° Commissioners. He Acknowledged we never had no different-ances, so I told him not to be in a Passion as I had no Intention of affronting him, so I tooke my leave of him & having bo° a little Packhorse for Seven Pounds I set off. Frederick Post accompany’d me over y° Mononga-hela & I tooke a long Path to Bedstone Creek, make a fire & Slept in y° woods; was very well Satisfied in mind.

30th.—This Day came to y° River opposite y° Fort Burd, where Ind° Peter and a White man was working at Corn; y° White man put me over in a Cannoe, Swam y° Creature. I informed them of y° Indians breaking out agin which put them in Great fear; got Breakfast at Indian Peter’s House & they talked that he & his family would come down in y° Contry amongst his Wifes relations, being a White Woman. Set off & met y° Serjent & Jn° Clark who had abo° 40 Pack Horses then lying at Gest’s place with Ind° Goods, which he sent a Man out for, & they talked of Geting into y° Fort having abo° 14 Men in all about y° place. Lay in y° Woods between Dunbars Camp & y° Great Meadows.

31st.—Came to y° Upper crossing of Youhiogheny
where there is three familys living, Virginians, I lodged at a House of Cap' Spears, his Brother being there, two of his Children & a Negro; a Man that lived on y* West side of y* Creek set off Directly to Paterson's Creek to get Speer to Send up Horses to Carry them away. Two Women & some Children being by themselves on that side y* Creek Stayed there & one of them Loaded a Gun I heard to stand in her defence if y* Indians Should come.

6mo 1st.—Came this Day to George's Creek on y* East Side y* Allegheny Mountains. I seen an Indian run across through y* Alders & Thickets a Head of us, (having an old Man with me from y* Crossing) or Else some Bay or brown Creature must have deceived me much, as what I seen appears Straight in y* Shape a Man & not over 10 or 12 Yards off. This night it was so Cold at y* House by George's Creek we thot there was frost.

2nd.—Came only 12 Miles to Fort Cumberland, my little Beast having given out, so that I walked a Great part y* Road. I swaped it for a large Strong Horse, but not in very good order with one Martin, a Carpenter, who was undertaking of Building y* New Store House & repairing y* Old. I Drew a Bill on y* Commissioners for £14.13.0. I was to Give to Boot, he sold y* Horse for a year.

3rd.—Came as far as Flints on Potomak abo' 12 Miles above Fort Frederick, civil people.

4th.—Dined at F* Frederick & came as far as where Mushet Lived on Canochochique.

5th.—Dined at Shippinstown & lodged at McAllesters, within 5 Miles of Carslile.

6th.—Called at Francis Wests, at Carslile, but made but little Stay, came to James Kenny's near Croghan's Gap & sent Mathew Kenny with a few Lines to my Brother Charles & Wm Bales people, who were at work over at y* Tuscorora Creek.

7th.—This Evening Mathew return'd & brings Word
that they would come off tomorrow so I wait their com-
ing, as they will be company for me to Chester County
I expect.

8th.—Charles & Wm Bale Junr came over & agreed to
go back and bring their things away.

9th.—I set off & get to Scotts near Lancaster. Lodged
there this night.

10th.—Came into Lancaster, had Breckfast & so pro-
ceed’d, came to Wm Bales in yr Great Valley, stay’d two
Days as it rain’d.

13th.—Came to Kennet where my Mother Lived who
was exceeding glad to see me.

15th.—Got to Philad*. Davenport having Wrote by
yr Second Express that came from Pittsburgh to yr
Commissioners, endeavour’d to throw Aspersions on
me for coming away without his Honours Appro-
bation, & forbid them Settling my Account untill his
pleasure was further known Concerning it. Here I
must ly out of my Money, for that Proud Man’s re-
vengeful pleasure. It often comes in my mind yr saying
of George Croghan, to Frederick Post, after yr last
Treaty at Lancaster (Croghan Shew’d his resentment
so to our Province Interfering with Indian affairs), he
said, yr damnage the Province had done by that Treaty
would not be repaired this Seven Years. Now I ques-
tion w’ damnage has ever been known to arise from a
friendly Conference with yr Indians, by a people they
always profess to regard, & such a people to make them
presents of some considerable Value, are these things
cause of Agrivations to Indians, I think not, so that yr
Agrivation was to him, & his Influence may cause dis-
turbance this Seven Years, for his power was much
felt; yr General allowing him to make no presents to yr
Indians since yr Province had granted a Sum for that
purpose, & it was said that yr General had refused to
pass some of his Accounts for Gifts given yr Indians.