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Sir 26th 1758

[illegible] is to acquaint Your Excellency that the Bearers hereof are
[illegible]en belonging to Pennsylvania Government and as they were trading among
[illegible] Ohio River last Summer as usual were taken Prisoners by Seven Indians
[illegible] the Commanding Officer of De Troit for said Purpose and by him detained ever
[illegible] last June, it Plainly appears by all the Circumstances that he the
Said [illegible] the Indians to take or destroy said English men they could meet as
the Indians told those Youngmen so and Shewed them the Ammunition Tobacco &c.
which the Said Officer gave them for their Journey, and when they brought Said Prisoners
to him, he was very thankfull, and rewarded them well, which Said Prisoners were Eye
witnesses. He being relieved by another Officer, took those two Prisoners with him,
to Detroit, but they luckily made their Escape from him, half
[illegible]vego, from whence they came to me quite in a miserable Naked
[illegible] are making all the Preparations possible, against the
[illegible] Indians very Steadfast in our Interest, which if they
[illegible] The Lake to Twelve large
[illegible] Purpose, with whom were Several
[illegible] Governors, whom I suppose
[illegible] Sons. Certainly they have Something in agitation which they
[illegible] as Soon as they can, having Accounts from Several hands lately
[illegible] these two men Say that the French at De Troit and thereabout,
[illegible] given some Indians great Presents to go and take or destroy one Mr Crochan
[illegible] of the Chief men who trade from Pennsylvania, and have the most influ-
ance [illegible] Indians, live by there abouts, of any that ever went among them, or in all likelyhood
ever may. Should they Succeed therein it would certainly be a great Step towards their
gaining them Indians, who are as Yet very Strongly attached to the British Interest, and
~~Double the Number of the~~ [illegible] Nations. Moreover if the French go on So, there is
man can be Safe in his own house, for I can at any time get an Indian to kill a man
for Playing of him a Small matter; their going on in that manner is worse than open War
Jean Cour whom I mentioned to Your Excellency some age is now gone among Said Ohio
[illegible] against the English. I wish he may meet with his
[illegible] will pardon my troubleing You with so long a
[illegible] to Acquaint You of every thing may come
[illegible] Province, hope You Will Excuse it, and
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