Philadelphia March 11th 1766

Sir.

I lately received Information that one of the Six Nation Indians returning from the Cherokee Country, was murdered on the 11th of January last on the Road between Fort Cumberland and Fort Bedford within this Province. I intended to have issued a Proclamation offering a Reward for discovering and apprehending the Murderer, but finding by the Examination of Capt. Samuel Barrett who lives near the place where the Indian was found, that there is great reason to believe the murder was committed by one Samuel Jacobs, who is said to have fled into the back parts of Virginia or Maryland, I think it most advisable to defer my Proclamation till I have first tried every other means in my power to secure the Offender.

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MARYLAND.

I take the Liberty of enclosing you Capt. Barrets Description and description of Jacobs's person, at the same time requesting you will cause Strict Search to be made for him throughout your Province, as you must be sensible of the ill Consequences that will ensue if all necessary Steps are not pursued in order to bring