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Lib. H. D. Reported, whereby his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Customs are defrauded and the  
p. 322 s<sup>d</sup> persons Esteemed & Reputed as dangerous to the Govern<sup>mt</sup> by keeping such correspondence as afores<sup>d</sup> and that when Apprehended & taken they be securely brought before his Excell in Council with all possible speed, to Answer &c<sup>a</sup>

May the 4<sup>th</sup> 1696.

The Councill again Sate & were p<sup>r</sup>sent as before.

Majr Whittington continued Sffe of Somerset County. Read a Letter from Maj<sup>r</sup> William Whittington of the 27th of Aprill past to his Excell sent & directed, therein praying the continuance of his Sheriffs place, to which his Excell is pleased to say that it is a thing of course, and therefore Ordered that he be continued accordingly.

Whitehall

Read the following Information, Viz<sup>t</sup>

Coll Hermans information touching Basilion & Letort The Information of Coll Casparus Augustin Herman concerning Peter Basilion & Cap<sup>t</sup> Letort, as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>

This Informant saith that Basilion does now live at St. Jones's but formerly lived about thirty Miles backwards from any inhabitants, where he treated with the Indians & was then Reported that he kept private correspondence with the Canida Indians & the ffrench, and since he has heard that he has a Brother taken by the Mahages from Canada, to whom he was intended to go, in Ord<sup>r</sup> to Redeem him.

That Cap<sup>t</sup> Letort a ffrenchman does now live back in the Woods in the same place where the s<sup>d</sup> Basilion formerly lived & trades with the Indians, as he is credibly informed; to which said Information the s<sup>d</sup> Coll Herman hath herevnto set his hand; this first day of May, A<sup>o</sup> 1696.

Casp: August Herman.

Whitehall Ordered that the s<sup>d</sup> Information be sent to the Gov<sup>r</sup> of Pensilvania, the persons therein mentioned living in that Govern<sup>mt</sup>

May the 5<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Whitehall Produced at the Board the following Proclamation pursuant to Ord<sup>r</sup> issued, which being pervsed, Read & approved off, was signed by his Excell & passed the Broad Seal of the province.

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen.