

relacōn to the good of Maryland which please assuredly to  
believe from S<sup>r</sup> Y<sup>r</sup> most assured  
To the hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll William Digges humble servt.  
Secretary of the Province of Nicho: Spencer  
Maryland.

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P. R. O.

M<sup>r</sup> John West

S<sup>r</sup> Just now came M<sup>r</sup> Holliday and severall other Gents  
and it is certaine that there is nine thousand French and  
Senecoos at Cap<sup>t</sup> Bournes upon the Clifts in Anne Arundell  
And desired you and all others Christian peoples assistance  
Therefore pray faile not to send downe with that speed you  
can to your greate men below to send help for Capt Bourne  
and all his family cut off It is my advice if they to make what  
way they cann to meete at M<sup>r</sup> Greenfields on patuxen side  
where you will find further advice which is all being in hast from

Your freind

John Addison

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1689

Capt Lawrence Washington

On the twentieth of this instant I was informed by one  
Henry Norris that Maj<sup>r</sup> Bell liveing at the head of Patuxen  
River above thirty miles above him had discovered a fort of  
foreigne Indians being in number as he could guesse ten  
thousand and this Instant I was informed by William Newman  
and I saw the said Newman have from under on M<sup>r</sup> Hutch-  
insons hand there was landed on the west of the mouth of  
Patuxen River about Nine thousand Indians that the above  
said persons did informe me and likewise that they had killd  
one Capt Bourne and severall others This being from  
Given by me the Subscriber this Y<sup>r</sup> servt John Courts  
26<sup>th</sup> of March 1689 and in the 23<sup>d</sup> houre of the day.

May it please y<sup>r</sup> hon<sup>r</sup>

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Your letter came to my hand on Wednesday night last late  
but so soone as I understood upon what accōpt it was I got  
boate and hands and went over in the night Yesterday Coll  
Spencer Coll Lee and Coll Allerton sate in Council for the  
Virginians were actually in Armes horse and foote They had  
a greate deale reason of feare when they were sent such Let-  
ters as the Enclosed Coppies which I tooke from the originals  
sent to Coll Spencer M<sup>r</sup> Iustass Courts left his house and  
Run to Virginy But it is my opinion if old Henley had left it  
on such frivolous occasions our Iustass had not bin Master of  
a house The Virginy Gentlemen are mightily disturbed at  
them for their sillynesse in comeing and writing to Virg<sup>a</sup> after