

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Dec. 9

Inhabitants, between Conococheague and South-Mountain, have slew into Heaps; many of which are removing quite away, and the rest will I expect soon, if there is no Notice taken of them by your Excellency. It is with Concern that I repeat it again, but I am very sure that if we have no Relief at the Return of this Messenger, the greater Part of the People will leave the Settlement, which if they do, what few of us that would willingly stay, will not be able. I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient and humble Servant,

Joseph Chapline.

Horatio Sharpe, Esq;

Annapolis, July 24, 1757.

Sir,

In Answer to your Letter of the 20th Instant, the Governor orders me to tell you, that he is extremely sorry to hear, that any Mischief has been lately done by the Enemy on the Frontiers of this Province, and that nothing would give him greater Satisfaction than to have it in his Power effectually to prevent their Incursions for the future. As the Number of Men at this Time in the Pay of this Province, is upwards of Four Hundred, he is very apprehensive that the Assembly will not approve of his ordering any of the Militia to keep constantly Ranging on the Frontiers, nor agree to pay them and therefore he desires to be excused from giving any such orders. However, if you, or any other Officer, have an Inclination to Range with your respective Companies for a Time, his Excellency has no Objection thereto, and will, if desired, recommend it to the Assembly to make you and them an Allowance, tho' he declines sending you positive Orders to march. Capt. Beall has standing Instructions to keep Parties of Men Ranging on the Frontiers, agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Assembly, and he assures the Governor that he does comply with such Instructions to the utmost of his Power. I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

Capt. Joseph Chapline.

J. Ridout.

July 30.th 1757

Sir,

p. 168 I received yours of the 24th Instant, wherein I find his Excellency does not incline to let us have any Assistance to defend us against this inhuman Enemy that is constantly harrassing us, but expects that Capt. Beall takes Care to guard us sufficiently with the Provincial Troops; this I can venture to say, that there has been none yet that there can be any Hopes put in as a Defence; true it is, that since I wrote last, he sent a Serjeant with Thirty Men to Mr. Baker, or as many, with what few there was before, as made up Thirty; but most of them was out of the Hospital, or at least appeared as such. I call'd