

some means that Pig cried which caused others to make a Noise, which was near. this is all the cause of the said rumor and if any thing should happen in reality as indeed I as yet do not any ways dread or fear, Yet I confess it behoves all People to be carefull, I shall use my utmost endeavours in Pursuit after them with such Force as we can raise in these Parts, but I trust in God all is well and if any thing should happen unexpectedly you may (if God Permitt speedily Expect to hear of, having nothing else to add but that I am

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Gunpowder River
Iuly the 20th 1692

Your humble Serv^t to Power
Thomas Richardson

A Frenchman lately come in with a Parcell of strange Indians at the head of the Bay and taken up for a Spie, or Party concerned with them, in designe of mischief was Ordered to be brought before the Board, and by an Interpreter Examined as follows Viz^t

Having declared himself to have been formerly an Inhabitant of Canada and from thence run away and cohabited with the Indians, Queried and Responced as follows

Interpreter how long since he left Canada

Ans^r Eight Years

Interpreter Upon what Acco^t he left Canada

Ans^r He went away without Leave of the Governor to some Indians that owed him some Beavor, and when he came back to the Town again the Governor put him in Prison, and in Irons, where he continued severall Months, but at last got loose made his escape and ever since hath used the Woods

Int^r he at first taking now gave out and reported that he that he came hither for fear of the war Queer what war he meant p. 32

Ans^r he never reported such thing

Interp what Profession or what Trade is he of

Ans^r he served three Years to a House Carpenter in Canada

Interp Hath he been all these 8 Years since he left Canada amongst those Indians

Ans^r He hath been ever since constantly with those Indians chiefly at a Fort call'd Saint Lewis

Interp how came he and those Indians with him to desert that Fort

Ans^r while he was with them there it happened that about 2 Years since they went away and some time after about August he resolved to follow them, and took a Canoe and went after them 300 Leagues in length, was 40 Days going, hunted for his Victuals which as he got he Roasted and found water in all Places