

Guns Fired and heard some Piggs cry and looking somewhat narrowly espied some Indians, the Guns I heard my self but being at home my self alone, made my Arms ready expecting an Assault and my Gang of People came one after the other relating the aforesaid words, so that indeed I did take it for a reall Business insoomuch that I immediately sent for Potapicoe, an express to Major Thomas, which no sooner was done but the Indians came up to my House and seeing me ready in Arms were more Frightened then we, and I related the meaning of the foregoing Rumour which was a Parcell of Delaware Indians was coming to my House, and by the way mett a Parcell of wild Turkeys at which they fired their Guns, and having had a Pig gave them which they tyed in a String, by some means that Pig cryed 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 confesse 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 ^{you may} all is well and if any thing should happen unexpectedly, if God Permitt speedily Expect to hear of, having nothing else to add but that I am
Yr

Gunpowder River
July 4 20 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 Boords, and by an Interpreter Examined as follows Viz

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 Beaver, 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