

11th of April as they are at a great Distance from hence and no opportunity of sending a writ now, without the charge of an Exceper, and the Hazard of sending them in Chains, and if apprehended they could be confined till from authority with certainty where and where they may be delivered to an Office that you shall send to receive them. and they were of opinion that we could not bid the King to appear at your Court but that Col. Crisp must engage them to be willing to go. I have since advised with our Attorney General, and some other of our Lawyers, who on reading the Depositions find are of opinion there is no Proof of their breaking the House; as much is lost, and what they took is but of little Worth it is probable it had been rifled before they came there; and they think he had better punish their Burses, for that they could not on those Depositions be convicted capitally, or that it would be too severe for the Offence. I hope Col. Crisp will reconsider it, and let me hear again how he thinks I may serve him in it, for I am desirous to do him Justice.

I am Sir your most obedient humble servant.

John Blair.

Williamsburgh. March 26th 1750.

After I had sent away my Letter to the Post Office, I recollectd the enclosed Complaint against Captain Pearis which, as he is an Officer in your Government the Council advised the sending it to your Excellency, not doubting you will take a proper Notice of it as it may in its Consequences be very fatal; and they fear there may be too much Truth in it.

Major Smith is here waiting the Meeting of our Assembly on Monday next to lay his Scheme of destroying our Enemies the Shawnees, and bringing several Nations of Indians to our Interest. he thinks he can easily raise a thousand Volunteers to follow him, if our Assembly will encourage it, and that it would be no difficult Matter to destroy Fort du Runon.

Captain Pogamworth is likewise here in his Way to the Cherokee to assist Mr. Boyd in bringing in a large Body of them being sent by Lord Loudoun.

I am with great Respect your Excellency's most humble & most obed^t servant.
John Blair.