

mentioned for the Security of the Performance of the Treaty, as well as for the Return of the Prisoners; there was never such Intention on our Side, nor Mention made of it on theirs by our Interpreter. Thus by the evil Intention or Negligence of ——— our Conduct is blamed by a busy World, fond of finding Fault without considering Circumstances, or giving just Attention to Reasons which might be offered to obviate their Clamours. Let any of these brave Gentlemen, who fight so many successful Engagements over a Bottle, imagine himself at the Head of 300 Men, and labouring under the Disadvantages above-mentioned, and would he not accept of worse Terms than Col. *Washington* agreed to? Which were all the Honours of War, without Mention of Assassination, or any other Expression objected to in the above-mentioned Articles. It appears to me, that if he did not, he might justly be said to be accessary to the Destruction of so many Men, which would be the inevitable Consequence of his mistaken Courage or Obstinacy. You have no Reason to doubt but the whole Affair was well conducted, when the *French*, who had strict Orders to give no Quarter, and to pay the *Indians* with our Scalps and Spoils, were the first who discovered an Inclination to treat. That they had such Orders, and intended no Quarter, is certain, from the Mouth of one of their own Officers. The Story of our first Engagement I will give you in my next, and let the *French* term it an Assassination, or what they please, I am ready to embrace the first Opportunity of being concerned in such another.

Yours, &c.

ADAM STEPHEN.

After these two Engagements, it may not be amiss to note the Reflections made by the *Virginians* themselves upon these very different Occurrences. As to the first, the Defeat of a Handful of the *French* by Col. *Washington*, hear what the Writer of a Letter dated at *Virginia* says on the Occasion: "We and the neighbouring Colonies are all in the greatest Hurry imaginable, raising Men for driving the *French* from the *Ohio*, and securing our *Indian* Allies from Encroachments from those good Friends for the future. The small Advantage gained by Col. *Washington*

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