

**William Crawford to George Washington, May 8, 1774,  
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**FROM CAPTAIN WILLIAM CRAWFORD.**

May ye 8th 1774

SIR/

Inclosed you have the Drafts of the round bottom and your Shirtees Land don Agreeable to Mr Lewis Derection<sup>1</sup>—I Should have Sent it them from Stanton but Mr Lewis had set out for Cheet river before I got there, and I wanted him to See the Returns before I Sent them to you I was Still Disopinted, before I cold Return back again Mr Lewis Sit [out for] hom again and I understand he will be in williamsburgh soon, If the Returns Dose not do you can have them altred., if you Should not Chuse to enter them Names in the Return now maid for the round bottom I have Sent you a blank to fill up which you may do your self— I Suppose by this time Varrious reports has reached you I have given my Self Som Trouble to aquint my Self with the truth of matters but there is Som Douts remains in Som facts but as well as I can I shall give you best Account I can

The Survayors that went Down the Kanaway<sup>2</sup> as reports gos was Stopt by the Shawnee Endiens upon which Som of the white People Sit on Som Endiens and has Killd Severall, took 30 horse Loads of Skins near the mouth of Syorha,<sup>3</sup> on which news and Expecting a Endien war Mr Crisap and Som other people fell on Som other Endiens at the mouth of Pipe Creek and Killd 3 Ediens and Scalped them Daniel Great house and Som others fell

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on Som at the mouth of Yellow Creek and Killd and Scalpd teen and took one Child about 2 Months old which is now at my house have taken the Child from a woman that it had bin given to

Our inhabitints is much Alarmd, many hundreds haveing gon over the mountain and the hole Country Avactuated<sup>4</sup> as far as monongahalia and many on this Side monongahalia is gone over the Mountain in Short a war is every momint Expected we have a Council now with them what will be the event I do not now<sup>5</sup>

I am now Seting out to Fort pitt at the head of one hundred men many other[s] is to meet me at Fort pitt and Wheeling where we shall watch the Motions of the Endiens and shall Act Accordingly

we are in great want of some Proper person to Direct us ho may have comand Mr Connely ho now comands haveing Accurd<sup>6</sup> the Displeashure of the People being but unably to do it, for two Reasons, one is that Contrediction betwen us and the pensilvaniens and the other he Rather cary Matters to much in the Military way, and not able to go through with it

I have Som hope that we may Still have matters Setled with the Endiens upon a Method Properly adopted for that perpose

It Seems that the[y] Say the[y] have not bin paid any thing for the Land, I mean the Shawnees and Delaways, the Six nations Say the[y] have no right to any of the mony, the Land being not there property

I would not mean to Say any thing against Mr Connalys Conduct only he can not cary things on as he cold wish, his not being so well Aquinted with the nature of the People he has to Deal with

Fair means would do better, and he cold get any thing he wanted more handy

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In cass of a war much Dependence from this place Lys one you Sir, as being well  
Aquinted with our Sircomstance

Should not matters be Setled with the Endiens soon I supose you will Proceed on with  
the improvement of your Lands if not you will Discharge your people and of Course Your  
Sarvants will be Sold, in that case I Should be Glad to take 2 of them if you are Willing in  
a few day[s] you will be better Advised and the[n] you will be more able to Determine one  
maters

I am Sir your most Hume Sarvant W CRAWFORD

1 Thomas Lewis, surveyor of Augusta County, Va. During the year 1774, Crawford surveyed and returned to his office 4153 acres for different persons.—BUTTERFIELD.

2 A notice of a meeting of "several assistant surveyors" and the soldiers claiming bounty land, to be held on April 24, at the mouth of the Great Kanawha, was published by William Preston in the Maryland Gazette on March 20, 2774.

3 Scioto.

4 evacuated.

5 "There were several Chiefs of the Delawares, and the Deputy of the Six Nations (Goyasutha), with eight others of the Seneca tribe, at Pittsburg, by Mr. Croghan's advice. They were called together and I made a short speech to them; they received it with pleasure, and in return gave the strongest assurances that they wished for nothing more than to continue in peace with this Province, and to become as one people. I think there can be no doubt of the sincerity of the Delawares."—Arthur St. Clair to Governor Penn, May 29, 1775, American Archives, Fourth Series, vol. i. p. 386. It is probable that this council would have prevented the horrors of an Indian war, had it not been for the vengeance of Logan, the Mingo chief, and the persistency of Lord Dunmore and Captain Connolly.

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