

To Gov<sup>r</sup> Cornwallis  
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Sir

<sup>Royal</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Sheriff of Annapolis, has written several  
Letters to the Govern<sup>r</sup> to inquire after an Indian  
Girl the Daughter of a ~~settling~~ <sup>which Girl of Annapolis</sup> Indians called  
Cpl. Samuel ~~whom he said~~ <sup>whom he said</sup> Indian of Nova Scotia  
insisted upon ~~insisted~~ being delivered up to them  
as a Condition of their ~~Releasing~~ <sup>Releasing</sup> M<sup>r</sup>. Hamilton &  
other English Prisoners. Upon M<sup>r</sup>. Sheriff's first Applica-  
tion to me I did <sup>not</sup> perfectly understand the State of  
that ~~matter~~ <sup>affair</sup>, but apprehending that the Girl men-  
tioned by him was one that I sent Home to the  
Indians the last Fall (who was likewise a Daughter  
of Cpl. Sam<sup>l</sup> & brought hither with the other Nigwack  
& Indians ~~just~~ <sup>at</sup> the Beginning of the War) and  
~~accordingly~~ I sent M<sup>r</sup>. Sheriff all the Proof that  
could be procured of that Indian Girl (with two  
others) being delivered up to the Indians: But now  
finding that the ~~former~~ <sup>other</sup> Girl intended is ~~now~~  
~~the Hands of Col.~~ <sup>one that was taken by Col.</sup> John  
Gorham (in the Province of Nova Scotia as I am in-  
formed) & is now with his Wife in Boston, I have  
sent the said Girl to your Excellency within whose  
Govern<sup>r</sup> <sup>she was taken</sup> (which I think is conformable to <sup>my</sup> his  
Majesty's <sup>orders</sup> Instructions herewith inclosed) leaving it  
to your Excellency to dispose of her as you shall think

His Excy<sup>ty</sup> Ed: Cornwallis Esq<sup>r</sup>

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Sir

I ~~re~~ have received your Excellency  
 Letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> And according to  
 your desire ~~that~~ I ~~re~~ that I would send  
 you the Indian Girl in Coll. Gorham's Family  
 for facilitating the Release of the English Pri-  
 soner in the Hands of the Indians, I now send  
 the said Girl by the Sloop

Master as I purposed to do before I  
 had rec<sup>d</sup>. your Excellency's Letter, as you will find  
 by mine of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. I doubt not but your  
 Excellency will judge it reasonable that the Charge  
 of ~~your Government~~ of this Girl's Passage sh<sup>d</sup>. be paid  
 by your Government. where she was taken Prisoner  
 & because she is to be delivered up in Exchange  
 for some of your Officers; ~~and~~ I have accordingly  
 directed the Master of the Vessel to apply to you for

the Payment of ~~the~~ Charge of this Province  
 at the ~~request~~ of the ~~great~~ Assembly of this Province  
 I ~~have~~ sent for a Number of the Eastern Indians to  
 confer with them partly to inquire ~~of~~ <sup>men</sup> ~~into~~ <sup>men</sup> to  
 discourse with the Son of ~~the~~ <sup>men</sup> respecting the  
 Indians of that Tribe that ~~were~~ and said to have

engaged with the other Indian in the murder  
committed on his Majesty's Subject in Nova Scotia  
& partly to confer with those as well as the rest  
respecting the murder committed at Wiscasset.  
By the next opportunity I shall let your Excy. know  
the result of my conference with them