

curious account of a law suit
for money found by money diggers
in the N^o 8 Sagelle July 10. 1753.

Portugal destruction of a Beaver
& Belle of the town

N^o 8 Sagelle Jan 7 / 54

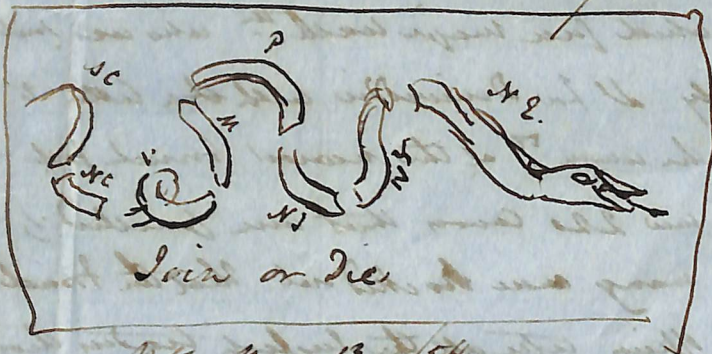
Excerpt of a letter from a friend in
Virginia dated Dec 10. 1754

Mr Washington the Ambassador sent
to the Indian country is returned which
affords us new information. It is
undoubtedly affirmed for truth that
the French have settled & fixed several
forts near the Ohio Coast &c

Idem. Feb 10 / 54

Letter from Messrs' Treat & Treat
to Major Washington dated Feb 19
/ 53 / from Ohio.

Idem April 8 / 54



N^o 4. May 13. / 54

The making an establishment on the river
Ohio is no new or partial scheme of

Letter from a friend.

April 8. 1754. I am extremely sorry that
that the Gov^{ts} of Pennsylvania & Maryland
have not crowd the overreach^{ts} of the
French in their proper right. Should the
French once gain a settlement on the
Ohio they will have great advantage
over the Southern Colonies. In time of
peace they will continually be whispering
to the Indians in the alliance to
murder & scalp the inhabitants of our
back counties to prevent the effluxion
of our settlements & in time of war have
easy ~~on~~ a number of troops col-
lected from their several posts or sent
from old France for that purpose to
make a descent upon some one or other
of the Colonies.

Messrs' Duquesne the new Gov^{or} Gen^l
of Canada declares he will have a
French ~~post~~ Fort on each of the banks
that empty themselves into St. Lawrence
or Mississippi. That he believes the late
Governor
Gov^{or} of Canada have been all asleep,
but that he will make every effort under
him know his duty and do it. That
he & Detach^{ts} were during the last sum-
mer sent from Canada to the Ohio, making

in the whole about 2000 besides
 Indians, under the command of Messr
 Morin (or Morong as some call him)
 upon knowledge of the Inds recommended
 him to the new Gov^t for that office. The
 Delant^r consisting of about 40 or 50
 large Battureaux & canoes many of them
 supposed to carry more than 30 men
 they sailed within mess and that of
 burgo without ever striking their
 canoes, and had their trumpets, brass
 drums, beating &c. There was in sight
 of many of the best nations & powerful
 Indians who could not sufficiently
 express their surprise at such an
 arrival and asked whether the Eng^l &
 French were not at peace. Some of
 their troops returned to Canada to winter
 during the winter but great part of them
 were left as is supposed at the forts or
 on near the lakes to be ready to go down
 the Ohio early in the spring.

Messr Morin built two or three forts
 but many disputes arising between
 him and his officers together with a trou-
 ble of the Gov^t made him come to seek
 the command.

I saw Morin & his son some years
 ago in Canada, they have all the vain

airs of the French, joined with the in-
 -sincerity of the Indians, without the least
 of the politeness of the former or native
 simplicity and grandeur of the latter.

At Segotte May 5 1754

On Thursday arrived an express
 from Virginia by whom we learn that
 100 men commanded by Col Duke
 Fry &c & sent to make a settl^t
 on Ohio at the fork of the Monongahela
 that the French have erected forts
 at 50. 30. 20 & 15 miles distance
 all the way from Canada (near
 800 miles) down into the back lands
 of Virginia. with garrisons - a good
 road between some - that they expect
 a large reinforcement from Canada with
 which they are to come further down
 the Ohio early this spring, to take possⁿ
 of more land, erect forts. For transport
 which gave Major Keithth who was sent
 by Lt Gov Denivedie with a letter to
 the Comm^{ty} at the nearest French fort
 saw 220 canoes that were loaded &
 many were hooked out. that the French
 officers take all the English traders they
 meet with & send them prisoners to Canada.

I saw May 5. 1754