

**Thomas Bullitt to George Washington, May 21, 1758,
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FROM LIEUTENANT BULLITT.

PATTERSON'S May 21st. 1758.

DR. SIR/

As John Ward, a Soldier in my Company was seting at the Indian Camp Eating some Victuals, one of the Cherokees askt him for some whiskey, he not giving him a Direct answer, pickt up his gun and shot him through the back, I imediately sent out a Camand to the Camp which place was found Avacuated by all of them but one which was found dead with his throat Cut from Ear to Ear by one of their own men, by what I can Understand of them it was he that Shott the Soldier, Some part of them Imediately took to the woods, the others Remains att this place, I took the Oppinion of the Gentlemen, and it was agreed not to use any harsh means with them till you ware Acquainted with the Accident, Please send the Doctr. down with all Immagenable speed as there is some hopes of the mans Recovering also the Indians Desires Mr. Smith to Come down as soon as Possible he can I cant give you a true Light of the affair till Mr. Smith comes down.—I be obliged to you if you'll tell the Doctr. to bring down some sarve fore sore Leggs.

I am Dr. Sr. your most Obt. Hble.

THOS. BULLITT