

Abraham Bosomworth to George Washington, July 4, 1758, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM CAPTAIN A. BOTOMWORTH.

CAMP AT REAS TOWN 4th. July 1758

DEAR SIR

I Desire you'll be so good as forward the inclosed to Capt. Gist that he may not be imposed upon by a Scalp which Captn. Johnny pretends to have taken with his Catawbas, Colo. Bouquet is well convinced of the Deceit & desires you will take Care Gist's letter getts to Winchester before Johnny can, The Circumstances are so Strong against him that they admit of no manner of doubt, therefore think he has been sufficiently rewarded for the Service he has done us & deserves not the least Countenance for such a Scandalous attempt,¹ I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon & am

Dr Sr With perfect regard Your most Obedt Hble Servt. A. BOTOMWORTH My Complts. to Colo. Byrd &ca. Please to Seal Gists letter

¹ According to Colonel Bouquet, the Catawbas under Captain Johnny had behaved in a most shameful manner and run away, he wrote, like a parcel of thieves rather than warriors. They had never even killed a deer, and Colonel Bouquet had every reason to suspect that this scalp, which they pretended to have taken, was an old one. When Washington wrote to Governor Fauquier, he touched on the Catawbas, who had "so egregiously misbehaved."