

May  
Midway 24<sup>th</sup> 1789

Dr Sir

In my last to you by M<sup>r</sup> Holmes I mentiond that we had not been Molested by the Indians for some time past - But on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Instant their was a Track Discoverd by a few Men we had employ'd as Spys - I immediately give Orders to have the Militia imbody'd, there was three Small partys got on the Frontiers that Night - The Indians went to Doct<sup>r</sup> LeCounts plantation and waylaid his fort and as soon as the Negroes was turnd out of the fort on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> they attempted to seize on them; Six fellows went out with Gunns the other made for the fort, their was several of the Negroes in the fort with Arms and they with the Doct<sup>r</sup> fired from the fort which the Indians had got up to, after the Negroes and those that was out with Arms fired on the Rear, which soon made them Retreat back to a fence where they Rallied and Commenced a heavy fire on the fort for some time - They carried off three Negroes - The party appears to be strong; their was three or four Gentlemen got up as they were a gowing of and they think their was at least fifty in the Party from the Acco<sup>t</sup> of LeCount and the Negroes their was three or four Kill'd which they carried of; their appeard a great deal of Blood; their was several partys of men soon got their but pursued without waiting for a sufficient number to attack them Cap<sup>t</sup> Frazer with fifteen Men came up with them on the side of a Swamp but as soon as they Discoverd thim they went in he could not draw them out, and it was so thick that his Horse could not Charge them - and he left them - The next Mornning a Small party of them Killd a Man at a Plantation of Cap<sup>t</sup> Roger Sanders adjoining the Plantation where he Plants And on Friday night they attacked a small Guard within one Mile & half of this Place the Guard beat them off with the lofs of one Man - It is caused a great Alarm -

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I am D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your Most Hb<sup>le</sup> Servant

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