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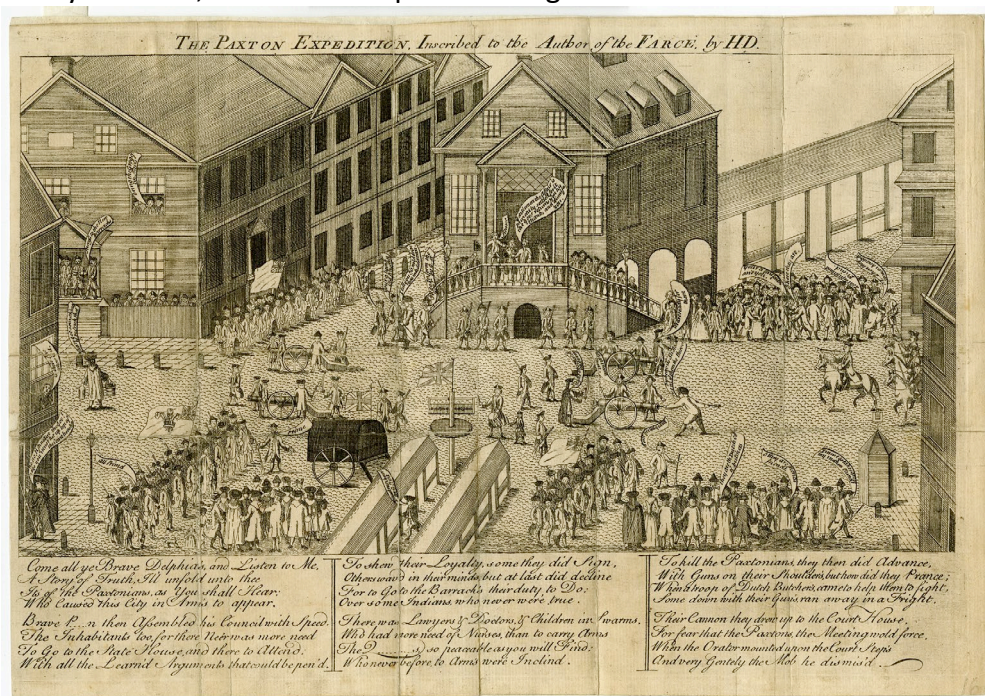
James Claypoole, Franklin and the Quakers. Digital Paxton.



James Claypoole, An Indian Squaw King Wampum Spies. Digital Paxton.



Henry Dawkins, The Paxton Expedition. Digital Paxton.



John Penn, Proclamation, December 22, 1763. Digital Paxton.

"I have therefore by and with the advice of the Council, thought fit to issue this proclamation, and do hereby strictly charge and enjoin all judges, justices, sheriffs, constables, officers civil and military, and all other His Majesties liege subjects within this province, to make diligent search and enquiry after the authors and perpetrators of said crime, their abettors and accomplices, and to use all possible means to apprehend and secure them in line of the public goals of this province, that they must be brought to their trials and be proceeded against according to law...And whereas a number of other Indians, who lately lived on or near the frontiers of this province, being willing and desirous to preserve this ancient friendship, have at their own request been removed from their habitations and brought into the county of Philadelphia for their better security. I do hereby strictly forbid all persons whatsoever to molest or injure any of the said Indians, as they will answer the contrary at their peril."

John Penn, Proclamation, June 4, 1765. Digital Paxton.

"I have therefor thought fit that by and with the advice of the council, to issue this proclamation, hereby publishing and declaring to all His Majesties subjects within my government that from and after the twentieth day of June, all intercourse and trade with the several nations and tribes of Indians, in Amity with the crown of Great Britain, and living under His Majesties protection, shall be free and open to all persons residing in this province."

Jacob Whistler, Letter to William Peters, March 12, 1764, Digital Paxton.

"I take the opportunity to inform you that last Friday two men came to my house to forewarn me not to work on the Indian land in the manor of Conestoga, for that nine or ten of the families from the back parts intended to come and settle on it in this week or next. I thought it my duty to inform you of this matter, that you may be able to give such orders as you shall judge necessary. I told the men I had no power to settle on the land but only to take care of it."

Jacob Whistler, Letter to William Peters, April 9, 1764. Digital Paxton.

"As I have been appointed to care for the Indian Manor, therefore acquaint you that there is already two families living on said land and a third is expected to arrive...they had population and would lose their lives before they would be turned of the land, they care for no governor nor sheriff nor any other officer...and will allow no other person or persons to settle there."