


DEPOSITION OF JOHN TROTTER. 1754.

Pennsylvania, to wit:

John Trotter, the township of Paxtang, in the County of Lancaster, and the Province of Pennsylvania, Indian Trader, aged Thirty Years, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists, depose and saith, that He served an Apprenticeship to Robert Young, a Planter in said County, and afterwards followed the Indian Trade; that some time in the Summer, 1752, he being in Partnership with Timothy Reerdon, bought of Thomas McKee, of the said County of Lancaster, Indian Trader, an Assortment of Indian goods, for which they contracted to give him four hundred Pounds, Current Money of his Province, with which Cargo he this Deponent went to Allegheny, to an Indian Delaware Town, called Attiga, an ancient Town Inhabited by Delawares, as he has frequently heard from their own Mouths for fifty years past, situate on the Ohio River, pretty near half way between Log's Town and Weningo, according to the Course of the River, but as the said River has here a very large Bent, it is not on Straight line at a greater distance as this Deponent believed from Weningo that Log's Town, and for the Reason of his belief, he says that he has Walked on foot from Log's Town to Weningo in two Days, and from Attiga to Weningo in the same space of time; this Deponent further says, that he stayed in Attiga trading with the Indians till the fourteenth day of last August, when he left it with two Horse Loads of Indian Goods, and the next day as he was about to pass the river opposite to Weningo in Company with Jas. McLaughlin, an hired Servent of his, a party of French men, in Number one hundred and ten, came and Seized them and their Horses, took away the Goods and Bound this Deponent and the said McLaughlin with Indian Hopples, made of Wild Hemp, in their Arms and Legs; the next day they tied them both together, and drove them before them, but the Woods, being too thick to Admit of Traveling in this manner, they loosed them after some time, and on the third day after they left Weningo, they came to a New Fort built on the side of one of the Lakes of Canada, where this Deponent saw that the French had cut the Road to a place where they were going to erect another Fort. This Deponent further says, that they were put into Irons, and Confined in an out house, and a Gauard was Set over them; here they stayed four days, and then were put on board a batteau, and carried along the Lake to a small Wooden Fort situate at the head thereof, and from thence they were the next day put into a Cart, and set out about noon, and came to a large Stone Fort at night, where they stayed two or three Hours, and then were put on Board another Batteau, furnished with Sails and Oars, and Sailing along another of the Large Lakes, they arrived at Fort Cateraqui, and from thence were carried by Water to Montreal, having remained in Irons during the whole Voyage. At Montreal, the said Deponent and the said McLaughlin were put into Jayl, and staid there four Days, when they were put on Board a Sloop, being there in Irons, and carried to Quebec, when they were again put into Jayl for thirty days, after which they were together with Jacob Evans, another English trader of the Province of Pennsylvania, who was likewise taken prisoner, put on Board a Man of War of thirty-six Guns, and arrived at Rockel, and there put into Jayl for thirty days, having only Bread and Water for their Sustenance; and then the Commanding Officer, one McNemarow, set them at Liberty and gave them a Pass, with which they Begged their way to Bourdeaux, and this Deponent, together with Jacob Evans, embarked on Board the Betty and Sally, Captain Snead, bound for this City, where they arrived on Saturday, the sixteenth Instant. That James McLaughlin was left behind at Baoudeaux for want of Conveniences in the Vessel..

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John  Trotter.
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Sworn before William Allen, Esq., Chief Justice of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the Twenty-second Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and fifty-four.

WILL. ALLEN

Endorsed. – 22d March, 1754. Copy Deposition of John Trotter.