

Incidence on Staunton River, 1758

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Bedford County

*This day Timothy Dalton made talk before me
one of his majestyes [Majesty's] Trustees of the peace for the said County: that
yesterday there came to his house [illegible] Indians and quickly after
came four white men in pursuit of the said Indians namely John
Wheeler Rob^t Dalton Henry Wooddy William Hall from whom the
Said Indians had taken horses and from and demanded the horses
of the said Indians but they refused to let them have them on which
the said Wheeler went to take one of the horses on which they
shot at the said Wheeler three times but missed him on which
the said Indians went away and the said white men in a small
time joined with seven more white men and went in pursuit of the
said Indians again and them Indians being joined by ten more
Indians went over Staunton River a mile above the mouth of the Pigg
River and threw off there packs and prepared them selves for battle
Then William Vardeman [illegible] and some of the rest went up to them
and told them they did not want to fight they only wanted there
horses and did not want to hurt them on which the Indians told
them they should fight for them and immediately the Indians fired
on them there guns still the white men would not shoot at them
then the Indians fired there guns more at them on that the Battle
began in which William Hall was mortally wounded of which wound
he died this morning: and likewise Richard Thompson was -
Wounded in the shoulder and Buttocks; and that the white men like
[illegible] killed and scalped these Indians on which the rest of the Indians
ran away and left the horses and the chief of the plunder they had
taken and further this desponant saith not Certified under
my hand this 9 day of May 1758*

Rob.^t Baber