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Date: 1756
Description: Indian attacks, Brunswick area

[in left margin:] * Abijah Young John & Richard Stirbird

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