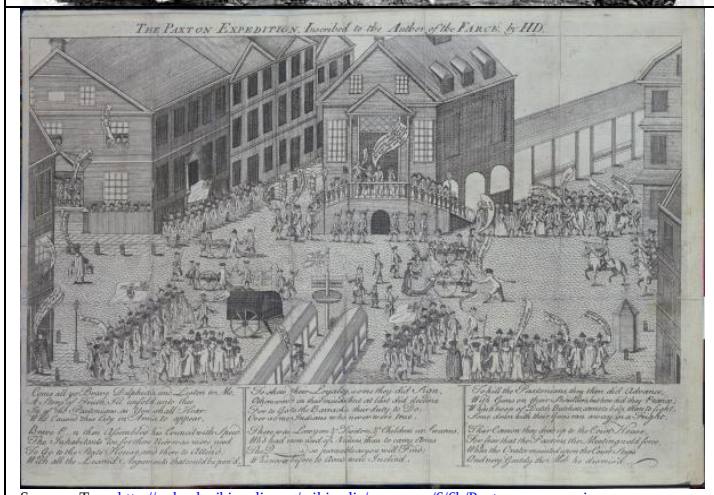
Small Pox and the Paxton Boys Massacre

1841 portrayal of the Paxton Boys Massacre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania of a peaceful tribe in Pennsylvania. Below, a 1763 newspaper depiction of Philadelphia getting cannons and soldiers to resist the boys' arrival in search of surviving Indians.



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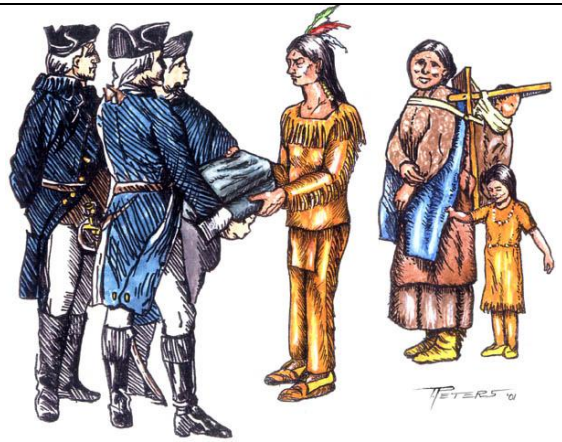
General Amherst ordered the delivery of small pox infected blankets to tribes in the vicinity of Fort Pitt to reduce their numbers. Below, Native drawing of a person suffering from smallpox or measles. (from the Dakota winter count by Yellow Lodge for the year 1845)



The Illinois suffered from deadly European diseases to which they had no immunity. Smallpox epidemics occurred in the region in about 1704, 1732, and 1756. There were also several epidemics of unidentified diseases.

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