

That if Crimes of soe high a nature Shall deserve noe great punishment, then what is inflicted by that Act, Offences of a Lower nature will not require any, and by this meanes and through Such proceedings as these, noe Comissions Instructions, powers and directions for the future will ever be Observed, and to noe purpose will it be to thinke to tye Up any Officer by Such hereafter, and Soe all Authority will become Rediculous and Contemptible Jn fine by this Act the Lower house of Assembly will have owned the Actions of the Said Truman more then (as they ought to haue done) detested and abhorred them and Soe Render the Governm^t Odious To all people that Shall become Acquainted with the proceedings

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Lower house June 2 1676

Rich Boughton Clk of
the Assembly

This paper being read in the Lower house and the Debate Reassumed in this house touching the Said bill of Attainder, and Voted Nemine Contradicente that the Said Major Truman for his Crime does not deserue death in Regard th^t Seavth Circumstances th^t appeared at his Tryall doe extinate his Crime very much, as the Unanimous Consent of the Virginians and the genth Impetuosity of the Whole feild as well Marylanders as Virginians upon the Sight of the Christians Murdered at M^r Hinsons, and them very Indians that were there Killed being proved to be murderers both of them and Seavth other Christians And in Regard alsoe th^t it appeares to this house th^t the Said Crime Was not maliciously perpetrated or out of any designe to Prejudice the province, But meerely out of ignorance and to p^rvent a mutiny of the Whole Army as well Virginians as Marylanders Wherefore This house doe not think fitt to Recede from their former Vote

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Signed by ord^r of the house

Robert Ridgely Clk of the
Lower house of Assembly

The house is adjourned till 10 a Clock
To morrow Morning

On Fryday June the 2^d the house met

Present The Hon^{ble} Chancellour Secretary & Survey^r Genth
Coll Samth Chew Coll Jesse Wharton Coll Tho Taylor

This house tooke into Consideration the many benefitts th^t have acrued to this province by the Continuall Ranging of our horse men and therefore desire the Lower house to consider th^t noe neighbour Indian will attempt any thing to the