

Order of the Councell of State

Wednesday the 28th of July 52.

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Domestic
Interregnum.
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That the petition of Thomas Harrison in behalfe of some well affected inhabitants in Virginia and Marieland be referred to the Committee for Forreigne affaires who are to conferre with him concerning the desires of his petition and thereupon report their opinions therein to the Councel.

To the Right worshipfull Cap^t William Stone Governour
and the rest of the worshipfull Council for the province
of Maryland: The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants
of the County of the Isle of Kent. Sheweth. — Liber B.
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That Whereas formerly There hath been by the Easterne Shore Indians one Murdered and now of late one Shott another killed and Stript neare to his own house all of them Inhabitants of this Island and Subjects of this Province. A dwelling house and much Goods Burned, as is conceived by Indians, To Say nothing of their Continuall Trade of killing of hogs they are Soe Imbouldned, these Murders being passed by, And being Soe well furnished with Gunns Powder and Shott that they Come about our houses Night and day Soe that Larums and disturbances are occasioned weekly nay daily Soe that Some are Soe dreaded and afrighted they have left their plantations and many are resolved to desert the Island w^{ch} tends to our weakening and the Incouragement of these heathens to make a prey of those that Shall be left, and So to make themselves by our Ruins more Strong to proceed and go on in their mischievous designs, we are alsoe informed that the Easterne Shore Indians have Great Store of Powder and Shott and many Gunns not only in what they have formerly bought and have taken in Cap^t Gugniss his Rack But they have not long Since taken a Dutch Sloop with forty nine Gunnes besides very much Powder and Shott, Soe that they are very Strong, bold and Insolent. The premisses Considered yo^r Petitioners Humbly Crave that yo^r worship and the Council would be pleased to Seriously to weigh and Consider our deplorable Condition and take Some Speedy Course for the Suppressing of these Heathens and avenging of Guiltless Bloud and the preservation of our Lives with our wives and Children and we Shall as in duty bound pray for yo^r worships peace and Eternall happiness

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