

safe nor secure by reason of his Lordships unexpected claim which obliged George Markham to consult the persons of his Council most concerned in the Province, who was not willing he should at this time go out of the Province but remain, to quiett the disturbed People and therefore advised him to write to the Lord Baltimore.

P. R. O.  
Colonial  
Papers.

W<sup>m</sup> Markham Gent. maketh oath that all the contents within mentioned are true, to the best of his knowledge.

W<sup>m</sup> Markham.

(Indorsed) Information touching  
My Lord Baltimore at Upland.

Sworn before the Committee

March 17<sup>th</sup> 1684/5

To Answer my Lord Baltmores letter to me of the 11<sup>th</sup> July 1682. will be sufficient to clear myself of what he hath charged me with until that day. it being a repetition of the Journall be kept, but cannot begin my Answer with the beginning of his letter, he having begun with the end of the story. The Letter I sent my Lord from the head of the Bay, bore date the 25<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>er</sup> 81. occasioned by my long passage up thither having spent most of the time I intended for my journey to New York, or to have sent thither to borrow Col. Morrises Instrument by which I desired tenn days longer. After I got home (being very ill) sent a second letter to my Lord which he mentions the receipt of, but before it came to his hand I had one from him of the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>er</sup> 81 (which he cunningly would avoid mentioning) wherein he tells me he could not come up that year for fear of the frost; but would wholly lay the not meeting that year to me. To mine of the 17<sup>th</sup> March 81/2 I might reasonably have expected an Answer before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, which was the day I received his of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ibid in which he tells me he had ended his Sessions of Assembly, and setting his business in order, to meet me the beginning of next month, without regard to any Affairs of mine, the which at that time was very urgent, for having engaged to pay the Indians for the land I had bought of them before the middle of June, in expectation of which they deferr'd their hunting till it was almost too late for that year, and if they had gone before I had payed them we could not have had any land that year to seat the people on that dayly came there, it being our custom not to bye any land on bought of the natives, a thing my Lord Baltimore's a stranger to having taken all his by force, never purchased any of the poor natives, nor did he once mention his having an Instrument I desired by mine, altho' he knew I had none, but that had sent to New York to