

U. H. Journal  
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In Reference to and Order from the Upper house of Assembly Dated August the 30th 1681.

J being at the house of M<sup>r</sup> William Rosewell in Iune last I heard a Young Man Say as he was a Travelling in Virginia he mett with three Indians that were Painted that had Some Discourse with an Indian that was in Company with him Saying Something about the late Murder that was then Committed in Maryland which made him Mistrust that they were Some of the Actors but from the time I left M<sup>r</sup> Rosewells house I never Saw him again Neither do know what is become of him and to the best of my Memory his Name was Richard Mannering, Attested by me the first Day of Septem<sup>r</sup> 1681.

Thomas Witter—

His Lordship gives this House to understand that he had received a Letter from Ninian Beale of a Robbery committed at the Western Branch another Letter from Lieu<sup>t</sup> Francis of a Robbery also Committed in Ann Arundell County, he proposes whether it might not be Convenient to acquaint the Lower house therewith and Move them for a Party of Dragoons to be out Ranging at the heads of Each County for a Month or Six Weeks for Guard and Preservation of the Inhabitants during this time of Danger Voted in the Affirmative Nemine Contradicente—

Upper house of Assembly 30th Aug<sup>t</sup> 1681.

His Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary having Communicated to this house a Robbery Committed on the Western Branch and Another in Ann Arundell County by the Northern Indians (as is Conceived in their return Home-wards as by the Informations of Captain Beale and Lieut<sup>nt</sup> Francis in their Letters to his Lordship hath been Sett forth and highly to be Suspected that other Robberies and Mischiefs may be done Else where upon the Inhabitants which as yet may not Pointly be Discovered, Voted in this house Nemine Contradicente that the Lower house be also made acquainted therewith and Moved for their Consent, That not only the Troope in Charles County but a Convenient party of Dragoons in each respective County of this Province be kept. Ranging about the heads of the Counties for a Month or Six weeks till Such time as the Season of the Year may remove all Opportunities of Mischief to be done by the said Indians, this house conceiving the Same to be of Absolute Necessity for the Safety and Preservation of the Inhabitants of this Province in this time of Danger and Recommend the Same as so, to the Consideration of the Lower house desiring their Unanimous Consent and Concurrence hereunto—