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John Courts to the President of Maryland.

Sep^t 16th 1690.

Cap^t Blakiston

Hon^d S^r

This day I rec^d a Lett^r from Major Smallwood directed to Coll: Warren and myself where he desires our speedy assistance to advise with him concerning a late Information given him by the Emperor of Piscattua last night informed him that all the Indians that hee sent to the Cinnekoes to confirm the Peace are killed by some forreign Indians all but one which one is returned and gives this Information: And alsoe there is about the falls of Potomack River a great many strange Indians and will not be spoke with by our Indians Insomuch that all our Indians are upon their Guards, and does desire immediate assistance from us according to our promise to them given, this day I will goe to Coll: Warren, Cap^t Barton and Cap^t Haskins And wee'l waite att Major Smallwood's for your good Company, if possibly can be had which I am sure will be a great satisfaction to the Emperor for you know the late Government has been unkind to them. Pray S^r if you cannot come to-morrow, pray lett us hear from you and give us your Order to the future proceedings this being all I am to informe you of from S^r in haste

Your humble servant
John Courts.

September the 16th 1690.

(Endorsed)

Rec^d from Cap^t Nicholson.
10th Feb^{ry} 1690.

Longworth Point.

7^{ber} the 17th 1690 from Maryland.

May it please yo^r Hon^r

I being appointed President of the Co^mittee for the present Government of this Province I am to acquainte you with their gratefull Recognition and due resentments of your Hon^{rs} friendly readiness to maintaine a frequent correspondency with this Government on all occasions relateing to their Maj^{ties} service assuring your Hon^r that if heretofore there has been any remissness for the future wee'l endeavour to make a Compensation by our more constant forwardness in promoteing a Litterall Entercourse of all necessary Intelligencies.

The last night I received a Letter from Cap^t John Courts a Cobby whereof I have sent to your Hon^{rs} purusall that the Piscattua Indians doe complaine that their men (as in the said Letter is specified) is killed, is certainly true, but by what