

the murder of an Englishman by some Indians and this day their hono<sup>rs</sup> mett to consider of the Contents thereof the which Lre is as foll. viz<sup>t</sup>

Liber B.  
P. R. O.

Feb: 18<sup>th</sup> 1687/8.

Hon<sup>rd</sup> S<sup>rs</sup>

This day I reced a Lre from Maj<sup>r</sup> Long whereby he informes me that two Nanticoke Indians upon the 15<sup>th</sup> instant assaulted one Richard Enock and Francis Freeman of Middle River in this County of Baltemore and much wounded both of them and the said Enock's wife comeing to assist her said husband they alsoe much wounded with their Tomahakes and the said Enock is dead of his wounds & the other two dangerous bad. Alsoe that M<sup>r</sup> Francis Watkins hearing thereof went with four of their Family to the Indian Cabbin that the Indians belonged to and demanded the Murtherers but that the Indians kept him off with their Gunns psented upon which he raised a file or more of men & went again but the Indians were all gone before he came, alsoe that there is about sixty of the Nanticoke now has quarters about the Falls of Potapscoe where he intendeth with a small force to goe & demand the said Murtherers but I have advised him to take w<sup>th</sup> him more but to use noe force untill he hath advice from your Hono<sup>rs</sup> but to demand them in a peaceable way and that if they be delivered to carry or send them to yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> with all possible speed at S<sup>t</sup> Maryes and to advise yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> as often as is occasion of anything that happens before & after he receiveth Instructions

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from you which I hope will be with all convenient speed this with my humble service is all I have to the Depty<sup>s</sup> & trouble yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> withall at psent soe I rest as ever yo<sup>rs</sup>

Supscribed  
to the honble  
the Depty<sup>s</sup> &  
Councill &c.

George Wells.

Considera Coll: } Upon consideration had upon the aforesaid  
Wells about Rd } Letter it was ordered that Coll: Wells be writt  
Enock's murther } to desire him send a more ample Acc<sup>t</sup> of the  
by Nant. Ind. } manner of the English being murdered & what Emp<sup>r</sup> they  
belong to and to use noe force untill further order but peace-  
ably to demand the murtherers and ordered that the Lre soe  
writt be inclosed in a Lre to Coll: Tailer for his psall &  
approbation the which Lre is as foll:

Coll: Wells.

Councill's } Yo<sup>rs</sup> of the 18<sup>th</sup> Instant came to our hands yester-  
Answer to } day wee are very sorry to hear such bad newes as  
Coll: Wells. } the Contents thereof import but wee are desirous  
you forthwith send us a more ample Acc<sup>t</sup> of the manner how