

The Deposition of John Burroughs taken before the Hon^{ble} Lib. R.
Thomas Notley Esq^r Governo^r the seaventh Day of August
Anno. 1678:

The said John Burroughs having taken his Oath upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Declareth that yesterday about two or three of the Clock in the afternoone he was at the house of Thomas Edwards at the Northern Branch of Pot-tuxen River whither was then remooved Daniel Cunninghams wife being desperately wounded by the Indians on Saturday last the third instant at her husband the s^d Cunninghams house This Deponent asked her how many Indians there were at her husbands house when she recd: the wound to w^{ch} (being speechless) she made a signe by holding up her hand and her thumb close, thereby intimating four He this Deponent then asked her whither one Wassetass a Pascattoway Indian were there whereupon she lift up her hand and putt on her head upon the place where she was wounded. And further the said Deponent saith that he heard M^{rs} Edwards mother to the said Conninghams wife say at the same time say, that as she was discourseing of the murd^r she said that she did verily beleive that the rogue Wassetass had been there and done the mischief, at w^{ch} the said Conninghams wife did then also lift up her hand to her head as afore & further saith not

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from whence and severall other circumstances concurring it was the Opinion of the Councell that the said murder was perpetrated by the Pascattoway Indians Whereupon Ord^d

That Majo^r William Boareman Goe to the Pascattoway ffort and acquaint the Greate men that whereas the Emperour and one of their great men had lately (to say the last weeke) been to speake with the Governo^r to whom they had then delivered severall matters of moment to w^{ch} he did not then think fitt (without the advice of the Councell) to returne them soe full and positive an answer as they might happily Expect But p. 34
having since conveened the Councell and consulted thereupon he was now ready to give them an answer did therefore desire their great men to come to Manahowick neck on Munday the 19th of this instant August where the Governo^r and Councell would then meet them and heare what further they had to say But in case the said Indians should seeme to scruple or be further inquisitive of the cause of our sending for them It was then ordered that Majo^r Boareman should acquaint them with the murd^r Committed, and give them to und^rstand that whereas they have had some men lately killed and wee likewise some others, the Governo^r and Councell