

Lib. R. thought it necessary for our common preservation to hold a Matchacomico of Ours and their great men together to consult & advise upon some Expedient to be taken for Our Defence against the Invasion & assaults of fforreigne Indians.

At a Councell held at Manahowickes Neck the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 78:

Prsent as Before

Ordered that a Lett<sup>r</sup> be sent the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> p Covill advising his L<sup>dpp</sup> of the late murd<sup>r</sup> and the result of the Councell thereon w<sup>ch</sup> was Accordingly done as foll: viz.

Maryland Aug<sup>t</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> 1678:

May it Please Yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>dpp</sup>

Having this Oportunity of Covills Departure from Maryland within a weeke We thought it our Duty p the same to acquaint yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>dpp</sup> with a murd<sup>r</sup> lately (to say on the third instant in the morning) committed on Daniel Conningham & his ffamily neere the head of Pottuxen River p some Indians strongly presumed to be the Pascattoways, the said Conningham and another young man killed outright as they were in the ffield at work Conninghams wife Tomohoaked in the house where she was afterwards found lying prostrate in her blood & not quite dead but rendred altogether speechless and soe remained till her death w<sup>ch</sup> happned yesterday morning, soe (that though she were a pson well knowing and acquainted with most of those Indians) she could not declare any thing, but by signes w<sup>ch</sup> she made did plainly discover the murderers to be Pascattoways for being asked how many Indians had been there she held up her hand with her thumb downe thereby (to say by her four fingers held up) intimating four being then asked whither Wassetass (a Pascattoway Indian knowne to vse those parts and whom the People suspected guilty of the Murder) were there she immediately lift up her hand to her head where she was wounded, from whence and severall other circumstances concurring we gather and are fully pswaded that the Pascattoway Indians are the reall murderers. Whereupon yesterday we mett in  
p. 35 Councell at Manahowickes Neck where we concluded to send for the greate men of Pascattoway to meete us at the same place on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant where we intend to lay open the Murd<sup>r</sup> before them & Demand Satisfaction for the same, w<sup>ch</sup> if they consent to and comply with according to Our Demands, We may then have some grounds to beleive Yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>dpps</sup> Province may continue in its p<sup>r</sup>sent tranquill condition, but as the case now stands the Pascattoway Indians having clandestinely