

Lib. R. and that they take the Examination of Major Coursey and Mr Thomas Vaughan with what other English Evidences they shall think fitt touching the premisses, and that (if for their better discovery they shall see occasion) they send for Tequassino and what other Indians they think fitt to Examine concerning the same, or otherwise before they proceed soe farr that they send downe to his L^{spp} and Councill the English Examinations by them taken if to them it shall seeme most proper soe to doe for the better discovery thereof.

Accordingly issued and was Directed to Coll Lowe and Coll Lloyd the following power and order from this board viz

By the Lord Prop^{ty} and Councill
Maryland ss.

Whereas Information hath this day been given to his L^{dspp} and Councill that in or about the beginning of June last past, One or two and twenty Indians belonging to the Kings Tequassino and Hattsawapp of Choptank in Talbott County went abroad under pretence that they went to Coll Taylors and John Watsons, and that Tequassino was heard to say some of his Indians were abroad, he wished there might be noe mischief done before they returned for he knew not Designe they went upon, That onely half of the said Indians that went out returned home, whom some English perceiveng endeavoured to speake with but could not the Indians avoid-
p. 214 ing them, And whereas about a fortnight after the said Indians went from their Towne, the murder was committed neere Point Looke Out.

These are therefore to Authorise and Empower as also to will and Require you Coll Vincent Lowe and Coll Philemon Lloyd of Talbott County aforesaid to call before you Major William Coursey and Thomas Vaughan of the County aforesaid gentl and such others whom you shall think fitt to Examine upon oath or otherwise concerning the premisses in order whereunto you are exactly to enquire and informe yourselves the time when the Indians sett forth, what number of them, whither they went what their business, where they were all the time of their absence, when they returned part of them what became of the rest, why they refused or avoided to speake with the English, and all other pregnant Circumstances relateing thereunto, wherein you are to make all Diligent search and scrutiny to find out the truth; ffor the better effecting whereof you are (if you see occasion) to Examine also Tequassino and what other Indians you think fitt concerning the same upon such necessary propositions as to you shall seeme meete relateing to the premisses, or otherwise you are