

Lib. R. before his L<sup>spps</sup> Justices of the said County on the ninth Day of August Anno Domini 1681:

	M <sup>r</sup> Henry Adames	
M <sup>r</sup> John Stone	}	{
M <sup>r</sup> Robert Henley		
Cap <sup>t</sup> Ignatius Causin		
Cap <sup>t</sup> William Barton		
		{ Cap <sup>t</sup> Humphry Warren M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Clipsham M <sup>r</sup> Henry Hawkins Cap <sup>t</sup> Henry Aspinall } Com <sup>rs</sup>

p. 224 Daniel Mathena examined in open Court before us saith that an Indian came to his house in May or June last past two yeares agoe and he had a parcell of Letters in a silk grass baskett, and Desired his wife to putt them up and my wife asked him from whence the Letters came, and the Indian answered that the Letters came from my Lord, and she asked him where he did carry them and he told her that he carried them to the Sinniquos, and my wife askt him what he carried them there for, the Sinniquos cannot read, and the Indian answered that the french were hard by and that they could read them for the Sinniquos for they were their Interpreters to make a peace with us and the neighbour Indians. And further saith not.

Robert Robins aged ffifty five yeares or thereabouts sworne & examined in open Court saith that he demanded of Daniel Mathena whether an Indian did not bring some Letters to his house, and he answered that it was true, and that he and his wife would take their oathes of it, and I askt him what quantity of Letters there might be and he said that there was almost a small Indian baskett full, but whither the Letters were from my Lord or not this Deponent knoweth not but as the common fame was, and further saith not.

John Martin aged ffourty yeares or thereabouts sworne & examined in open Court saith that he heard Daniel Mathena Say upon the Seaventeenth day of July Anno 1681: at M<sup>rs</sup> ffookes house at Portobacco it being then Sunday and there being the Church, that there was an Indian came to his house with a pcell of Letters, and this Deponent asked him from whence the Indian had those Letters, and Daniel Mathena answered that they came from my Lords, and further I asked him when he had those Letters, and he answered about this time twelve moneths further saith not

Whereupon in compliance to an ord<sup>r</sup> from the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> beareing Date the Eighth Day of August Anno Dmi. 1681:

Daniel Mathena being examined in open Court together with the Evidences (viz:) Robert Robins and John Martin