

Lib. R. R. R. Mr Edward Pye Sworne privy Councello^r

Ordered to be read a Letter from Coll Lloyd to his L^{spp} which he is pleased to communicate to this board being as foll (viz.)

Coll Lloyds Lre.

Decemb: 22^d 1683:

Please your L^{sp}:

Being at John Edmondsons on Wednesday last came an information and complaint to me by William Troth an Inhabitant of Dover in Choptank River, that on Monday before there came an Indian to his house, who besides other insolent behaviour, and without any other provocation then being turned out of a womans roome, who was in the paines of travell, and after curb'd from hollowing and noise, cockt his gunn and fired at him the said William Troth, who happily seeing the motion of the gunn started aside, thereby avoiding the Shott, though soe narrowly that the powder singed his Clothes upon his breast, then the Indian seconded his Attempt with his Axe, untill seeing William Troth have his gunn, he boulted out of the house and rann away, yett not soe fast, but that he did Suppose he had wounded him, for haveing shott after him he found some blood neere where he stood; ffor many more particulars of the information I must referr your L^{dsp} to this Messenger.

My Lord when I weighed the whole matter, and considered from what small (& not unlike) beginnings, your L^{dsp} and wee have had soe tedious and vexatious troubles, I thought it needfull to apply some Early care to save our reputation in this, and prevent such insolencies for the future, and for that end I sent away the Information to Coll Coursey desireing his Advice, and sent orders to Maj^r Sayer to rase some few horse, and forthwith make search into all their winter Quarters for a wounded Indian with Gunn Shott, where I Supposed he would flye if wounded and a stranger; or to the Indian Towne if one of their owne Nation, whereto Immediately went my Self with some half a score men & searched their ffort for him, but not finding him there I acquainted Tequassino & other their greate men that were at Towne with the whole matter, to which they made themselves strangers, then I produced to them the Indian Gunn, w^{ch} he lett fall when he made his Escape, and demanded the knowledge of him by that Gunn, which haveing shewed to what Indians were in the ffort, they all still denied to know whose it was, but after some threats which I thought upon this occasion to be but necessary, and demanding that they would immediately send out some trusty Indians to discover whose

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