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M<sup>r</sup> Edward Dorsey came here last night very late and brought news that the Indians had robb'd John Marriott, beaten him and his wife and turned them out of Doores, I Designe to day being the second of September to goe up and carry tenn or a dozen men along and see what damage the Indians have done, if you please to send me any further ord<sup>rs</sup> be pleased to direct it to Towne to him who is

S<sup>r</sup> Your most humble Serv<sup>tt</sup>

September the 2<sup>d</sup> 1681:

Robert Proctor

Thus Directed

To Capt<sup>n</sup> Thomas ffrancis at Road River  
deliver with speed.

Ann Arrund<sup>ll</sup> County Sep<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1681.

R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup>

The occassion of my present presumption is to informe your L<sup>spp</sup> of a Robbery committed by the Sinniquo Indians (as is Supposed) on the first day of this instant at the house of one John Marriott at the head of Anne Arrundell River upon the Ridge formerly Peter Porters. The Inclosed was sent to me, and the same day being our Election day I had the Oportunity to speake with the said Marriot which for substance gave me this following Narration (viz<sup>t</sup>) that nine Indians came to his house the first of September instant in the morning and pressed hard for Entrance into his house which he resisted takeing his Gunn in his hand, and standing upon his guard, willing his wife to take her Children and make escape to the next Plantation, which was hindered by more Indians till then undiscovered, but still appeareing more and more to the Quantity of One hundred or thereabouts, they pressed soe sore upon him that into the house they would goe, noe threats or signes of Anger would deterr them out of which they have carried away and spoyled all that he hath in the world, and killed his hoggs which he saith he had thirty in a Penn w<sup>ch</sup> troubled his corne field, some of which they have taken away others they killed for pastime and lett lye that of that number he finds onely three or four alive, his Cattle he knows not what they have killed, for they have all forsaken his Plantation, his Tobacco which was hanging in his tobacco houses they have throwne downe and spoiled, all which tendeth to his greate loss, and to the putting the neighbouring Plantations in greate feare soe that they are many of them drawne together for their future safety. In humble manner I have truly although briefly acquainted yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>spp</sup> with this Robbery I hum-