

Liber R. Plantation We have brought off the wounded and buried the dead, and are rangeing and quartering our men some of them upon those frontire Plantations, the people being in greate distress, the Indians hollowing round their Plantations, & attempting their dwelling houses chiefly of M^r Duvall and Richard Snoden. I have but 19 men of all the Coll Troope and cann gett noe more—men are sick, and of them half have noe ammunition, nor know we where to gett it, there is such a parcell of Coll Burges ffoote Company in the like condition for Ammunition, the head of the River will be deserted if we leave them, and they have noe other releife, wee marched in the night to their releife else they concluded to be cutt off, and 'tis probable they might have susteined greate Damage, Majo^r Lane sent to our Releife about thirty foote more but we have noe orders but to Range and Defend the Plantations, the which we shall doe to the best of our skill, and I suppose that if Baltemore County wants Assistance, that at this time it cannot be well supplied from Anne Arrundell, we have stood to our Armes all night and need enough. just now more news of three families robbd at Seavern. Wee Desire your L^{spp} in the behalf of the poore Inhabitants to send Ammunition & full ord^{rs} men are afire to to see their neighbours murdered and robbd thus, and ord^r for to doe nothing but to range, soe desiring your L^{spps} pardon for what is amiss in our writinge Wee subscribe ourselves yo^r Hon^{rs} humble Serv^{ts}

Tho: ffrancis; Nich: Gassaway

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The manner of the murd^r is thus, five Indians appeared and flourished their Cuttlases, the people went toward them and carried some Corne to them, but instead of Accepting it they laid hold of the Overseer, but he gott from them and made to the house ward, but they overtaking of him knock'd him downe with the butt of their gunns and left him for dead, runn after a negro man and killed him, and wounded another, the rest runn away, yett those rogues left a woman and a Child sick in the house and never harmed her, onely tooke the sheetes she lay on and what was for their turne in the house.

Your L^{spps} Serv^{tt}

Tho: Francis

My Lord

These may certifiye your L^{spp}: that the County of Anne Arrund^{ll} at this time is in Greate danger as the Inclosed will more fully certifiye your L^{spp} had not our men marched all Monday night the greatest part of South River had been most