

to my people to see them worke & what they had done I was scarce sooner come out & Talking with some of my people but I heard one of my negroes Cry out wee all rune to see what was the matter, till I came to see about Tenn Indians naked not painted running out of a branch coming towards vs vpon which I turned about & desired my people to make hast to the house some time after wee found the negroe alive who lived foure dayes, I asked him if he knew any of the Indians he told me noe I asked him how many Indians he saw he told me 3 which he said was lodged in the lapp of a tree from whence he was taking fence railes and as he was stooping to take vp a rail they shot him at the back with an arrow & afterwards run vp to him & knockt him downe, as to what they did else to him as fleaing his head & cutting off one of his eares he was not sensible, Since that time I haveing beene on board some of the shippes at the mouth of patuxen at my returne my wife informed me that some of those Indians that formerly traded with me, had bin at my house each of them a burden of skins, and would not be satisfied till they had gotten a man to come to the westerne Branch of patuxen to looke for me Vpon which she went vp to them & finding that Cap<sup>t</sup> Brightwell had discoursed them, then she bought what they offered to sell. p me James Stoddart

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M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Chew appearing sayth that an Indian that hunted for him told him that in the spring some mischeife would be done at M<sup>r</sup> Stoddarts plantacōn therefore he would live with him that he might testify for him. Cap<sup>t</sup> Brightwell appearing sayth that he & his men keepe constantly out a Ranging and that they have enforted themselves Therefore desires that he may have some small quantity of powder & ball two pick axes two spades & two shovells with some ffusees and Granadoes.

Resolved the Indians objeccōns be answered & some proposalls made them. And that Coll Addison Coll Courts & Esq<sup>r</sup> Brookes Coll Bell & Maj<sup>r</sup> Smalwood Maj<sup>r</sup> Barton M<sup>r</sup> Hutchison M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins Cap<sup>t</sup> Hoskins M<sup>r</sup> Dent & M<sup>r</sup> Hatton be appoynted this evening to draw vp proposalls in order to a treaty with them M<sup>r</sup> Speaker & the rest of the members take their leave & returne to the house. p. 19

Brought from the house of Delegates by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hoskins & Maj<sup>r</sup> Barton the following message Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of delegates June the 1<sup>st</sup> 1697

This house humbly desire y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> will give order that the County Court Comissions be enlarged in limiting them to 10000<sup>l</sup> tob: or 50<sup>l</sup> sterl being a greate greivance to this province therefore wee desire they may be as formerly

Signed p ord<sup>t</sup> W Bladen Clk Delegates.