

that the Colonel should say he would come and take the Forte L. H. J. with thirty men.

And that they were informed Cap<sup>t</sup> Halloday should say he p. 136 would engage to take the forte with forty men himselfe.

And that they further said that M<sup>r</sup> Stoddart and another man should offer to swear to two or three of their men that they were concerned in that murther which they knew to be an untruth for that none of them were concerned therein but suppose it to be foreigne Indians.

Another reason that they alledged for their goeing was that severall people bought their Lands over their heads, so that they had no certainty thereof without there leave, and that there would be neither hogs or shotts killed but they were still blamed for it and called Rogues and Doggs.

And that the English do yearly tyme after tyme pull down their fences and distroy their Corne fields with there horses before they can gather it.

As to their coming back they utterly refuse, also excuse themselves from coming to the Assembly being very weary and unable to travell so farr, but withall say that they desire to live peaceably there and to pass to and fro freely without trouble as formerly.

And that the English should be wellcome to come to their forte as often as they please.

And says that he finds the great part of the Indians are inclinable to returne to Maryland Especially the comon sorte of men and Women, and that Severall of them are already come backe, and more resolve to come suddenly provided they may live peaceably and quietly, and that they see the English are not angry with them.

And that they speake very well of his Excellency ; Saying that they know him to be in no fault, but that he was allways very kind to them ; and that it was the men under him that continually abused them.

William Barton.

Then were read the Several Depositions of George Achey, William Clarkson, Thomas Gatton, Terrence Donin, Margaret Lewis, Robert Robinson, William Stinson, and Francis Marbury, relating to the Pisscattaway and Mountaine Indians, yet not particularly affecting them with the murther of the negro.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonel Charles Hutchins being desire to declare what he knew of the Nanticoke Indians on the Eastern Shore.

Thereupon he relates that they have made a new Emperor, and that they entertaine and receive Strange Indians. Three cannoes full of Indians from the Western Shoare being mett some where about the Straights going over to them.