

God knew who murder'd the Negro, he did not, and that he would not tell a lye, & further that he Loved the English so well that he would not injure their persons or Estates or to this purport. Lib. H. D.

As to making Satisfaction for the Negro to the Owner for his loss, desir'd further time to give their Answer, which we Assented to, So proceeded to the other Articles. They Seem'd to be very well pleas'd and chearfully Answer'd that they would Return as soon as possibly they could into the Governm^t of Maryland and settle either at their old ffort nigh Piscattoway or about Rock Creek, that they might not any more annoy the Inhabitants Stock or Occasion any differences between them and the English; but they could not remove their ffamilies till the next Spring, Corn being planted and wed there, and ffLOURISHING; the women and Children not able to travell. That is the properest place for hunting the next winter likewise.

Then the Emper^r and his men withdrew, and about Nine a Clock that Evening he return'd with his great men to Us again and Signified that thō they were not Guilty of the murder of the Negro, yet for peace and out of their Affection to the English they would give reasonable Satisfaction, but hoped we would Consider their poverty, then propose what would Satisfye. We demanded only Eighty Buck Skins, what the Committee first proposed, they readily complied with promise of paym^t which induced us with Consideracōn of their Lowe Estate to abate them Twenty Skins. they paying Sixty in two Years, which they Agreed to.

Then we proposed to them to Send Some Indians with us to take possession of their ffort and what charge they had there; they Answer'd they would, accordingly did the next Morning being ffryday the 11th day as soon as we got our horses parted with the Empero^r and his Indians very good P. 525
ffriends and took their directions to Avoid the dangerous Runes and ways that we passed upwards. about Noon one of our horses tired, we drove him as ffarr as we could, then M^r Hutchins and M^r Hawkins's Man Offer'd his Service to tarry with the Horse an hour or two till he was Refreshed then he would drive him to the inhabitants we Judged our Selves about ten miles distant when we parted with the Man, but found our Selves mistaken that we could not get to any plantacōn but lodged in the woods On Saturday the 12th we got to a Plantacōn in the Woods and were directed into the main Road. About ten a Clock Came to one Giles Vander Castels house with whom we left a letter directed to Cap^t George Mason for Covert to our Letter directed to his Ex^{ncy} S^r Edmund Andros—whilst we tarried at the s^d House