

On Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> have Order'd all our Justices & Militia Officers to meet me at our Court House, I have sent for the Empero<sup>r</sup> and his great men to be there. Lib. H. D.

S<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Brightwells Information I never heard off, but our County is so Dam'd full of lyes; that I know not how allmost to Act but God direct for the Best that I may Act both for Good-of King & Country

To Coll: John Addison

These.

S<sup>r</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Servant

G: Mason

July the 27<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Stafford: ss. The Officers of this County both Civill & Military being mett and sitting to Enquire & find out the Assassinatees of the Woman & Children lately Comitted and Done by Indians upon full Enquiry therein doe Say.

Civill & Military Officers of Stafford Co: Accot about the Murther there lately committed by Indians . . . .

Whereas by Virtue of a Certain Sumons under the hand & Seal of Cap<sup>t</sup> George Mason Comānder in Chief of the Military fforces of this County bearing date the 19<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant July wee the Subscribers the Officers both Civill & Military therein are this day mett to Consult Examine & Enquire into the Assassination of the wife of W<sup>m</sup> Wigenton & three of his child<sup>r</sup> by Indians Comitted & done at Ocquo in this County on fryday the 9<sup>th</sup> of this Instant July which Sumons Contains in it that the s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> George Mason had taken & Comitted to Safe Custody some of the Assassinatees of the afores<sup>d</sup> persons & now in pursuance of that intent being mett and Sitting at the Co<sup>t</sup> House of this County and with our best skill making Examinations in w<sup>ch</sup> we had the previeuse Advantage of having the Emp<sup>r</sup> of Piscattoway & Some Great men of his Counsell w<sup>ch</sup> by the Care of the s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> George Mason was brought by Reason the Accused Indians are of Pomunky in Maryland and Consequently under his Comānd or Tribute and therefore in the Course of our Examinations we only spoke to the Emp<sup>r</sup> & gave to him such questions as was Expedient to be put to the Indians und<sup>r</sup> Examination and he to manifest his Integrity before he would proceed in the Examination did publickly Declare that if his Brother were Guilty of the murder of an English man he would be the 1<sup>st</sup> Man that should deliver him up to publick Justice and after this profession he proceeded in the Examination with great Assiduity and Never left it till he brought the Indians to Confession of the ffact in the face of Us and the whole Countrey th<sup>t</sup> the Mischief done was by p. 116