

Lib. II. D. an Indian of Pomunkey in Maryland call'd Esq Tom & his party consisting of about Eight or Ten Indians of that Nation of w^{ch} all but himself by the Care of Cap^t Mason and the ffreindship of the Empero^r were under our Examination and the s^d Indians were made so Conscious of their Guilt by the s^d Empero^r that they laid the ffact from One to the other of th^t partye but never used an Argument or Excuse th^t it was any other Indians but at last One of the s^d Indians did Confess to the Empero^r in our p^rsence th^t this s^d Esq Tom before his Coming out of Maryland did declare to his s^d Party that he must Cause to be killd some Englishman to the End it might be laid upon the Empero^r & Consequently a Warr made him by the English and further the s^d Indian, being promised Indemnity, did Own he was one of them that did goe & was Actually there at the p^retracōn of this Villany, Whereupon both us the Subscribers the Indians Emp^r & all the English doe Conclude th^t the s^d Esq Tom and his s^d Party of Indians are the Rogues th^t Committed the ffact and this we in all humility represent to his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r of Virginia and having in Safe Custody all the s^d Indians Esq Tom Excepted we
 p. 117 most humbly propose that for the Ease of the Publick Charge nor less than the quiet and Satisfaction of the people who with noe small Difficulty have been Govern'd on this Occation that his Ex^{ncy} will be graciously pleased to Grant a Commission of Oyer & Terminer directed to such persons in this County as his Ex^{ncy} shall think fitt to Hon^r with such Commission and that which gives us Confidence to begg this ffavour is the Accomodation such Tryall will here Receive by reason Indian Testimony & other Circumstances may here be had which perhaps may much wanting at a greater Distance to bring the Offend^{rs} to Condign punishm^t & lay a foundation for Peace and Tranquility and the p^rservacōn of his most Sacred Ma^{ty} Leidge people w^{ch} is most heartily prayed by
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 to his Ex^{ncy}
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Yesterday we sat on Examination of the Indian prison^{rs} & doe now think my bounden duty in short to give yo^r Ex^{ncy} an Acco^t of our proceedings therein w^{ch} will Come to yo^r Ex^{ncys} hand by M^r Addison, being in a hurry of Business Cannot Inlarge only to acquaint yo^r Ex^{ncy} that I shall at noe time hereafter be slack in giving your Ex^{ncy} Acco^t as matter arises and in manifesting my Self to be

Yo^r Ex^{ncys} most
 humble Servant
 G. Mason