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a reward of ffive pound Sterl. given under my hand at Lib. H. D.
 Nanjemy in Charles County this 28th day of July in the Ninth
 year of his ma^{ty} Reign &^{ca} Annoq Domini 1697.

God Save the King. ffr: Nicholson

At Colonell Courts, July the 30th 1697.

His Ex^{ncys}
 Warr^t for the
 taking of Esq
 Tom an
 Indian &^{ca}

S^r .

This is by M^r Cornelius Maddox who is de-
 sign'd to Endeavour to find a Pomunkey Indian
 call'd Esq Tom, who is accused to be one of them
 that murdered the Woman and Children in Virginia, There-
 fore would have you assist him what in you lies towards the
 discovery and taking of the s^d Indian and for soe doing this
 shall be yo^r Warrant Given under my hand the day and year
 above Written

To M^r Thomas Barbar of }
 S^t Maries County }

ffr: Nicholson

June the 29th 1697.

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Capt Brents
 Lre to his
 Ex^{ncy} abt
 Indians

Most hon^{ble} S^r

I hope yo^r Ex^{ncy} hath recd an Acco^t of the
 Indian Examina^{co}n w^{ch} was sent by M^r Addison,
 th^t contains as much as could then be gotten out of them in
 which one main thing was wanting (to witt) upon what
 grounds these disorders have been Comitted, And since the
 writing the above, Viz^t This Evening it hath been my Good
 ffortune to make some discovery in that point w^{ch} I think my
 self Oblidg'd to p^resent yo^r Ex^{ncy} with (as in my poor sense)
 being a Specim: of the Pettie mischifs of last years perpe-
 trated in yo^r Governm^t w^{ch} perhaps may be streams from the
 same ffountain, the narrative here followes. This Evening I
 call'd at our high Sherriffs where Choptico Robin who
 made the ffirst discovery at liberty he being by the s^d Officers
 so Indulged and his ffears thereby Abated he told me he
 would now make me fully sensible of the Cause of this
 Villany and thus began; Early in the Spring to witt about 5
 months last past Esq Tom was at or about the ffalls of Poto-
 mock and there were some Piscattoway Indians & some of
 those Seniquos that live in the mountains amongst which last
 was a Susquehanah a great man whose name is monges, this
 Indian had much private Communication then with Esq Tom,
 w^{ch} noe other Indians knew or noted, he p^resented him with a
 large belt of Peak, and told him that his Nation was Ruin'd
 by the English assisted by Piscattoway's, & th^t now they were