

being sent hither, being willing at any Charge to pay for Lib. H. D. bringing them back I am

Bredah at Anchor of Point	}	Hon ^{rb} le Sr
Comfort 18 th of August		Yo ^r most Obliged humble Serv ^t
1697 Virginia.		I: Dilkes

Baltimore County Court Septem. 8th 1697

Return of the
Commis-
sioners of Bal : May it please yo^r Ex^{ncy}
Co : Court in
Answr to M^r Baron^t Honrd this Court with his Presence who
Boothbys Lre after he had produced a letter Sent by M^r Edward
abt Indians Boothby to yo^r Ex^{ncy} as also the Ord^r from yo^r
Ex^{ncy} and Councill to some of the Military Officers in this
County (which were publicly Read) his Hon^r was pleased to
make inquiry into the Matters relating to the Indians upon
Complaint of Severall the Inhabitants who had formerly given
their Information to M^r Edward Boothby; the Chief Com-
plain^t with Severall of the ffield Officers, as also the Captain
of the Rangers being then p^rsent, who did declare, that since
the last complaints, yo^r Ex^{ncy} had an Acco^t of from M^r Edward
Boothby, they have not seen nor heard of any misdemean^{rs} or
Incivilityes com^{mitted} by the Indians to any the Inhabitants of
this County, this with our thankfullness to your Ex^{ncy} for yo^r
great Care of our preservation is what at p^rsent Offers from

Yo^r Ex^{ncys}
Obliged & Obedient Serv^{ts}
Geo: Ashman
Coll: John Thomas
Tho: Richardson
James Phillips
John Hall
John Oldton

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq &^{ca}

Answr of the
ffield Officers
of Bal. Co:abt
Indians In all humble manner Wee John Thomas,
Thomas Richardson and James Maxwell in Obedi-
ence to yo^r Ex^{ncys} Ord^r p the Hon^{rb}le Sr Thomas
Laurence, do in Answer thereto Say, That we the fore-
mencōn'd have raised some fforces in Arms and with them
according to our respective places ranged in Ord^r to the dili-
gent Search after the Indians, but do not neither can find that
any Insolencies of late hath been by any of that Sort com^{mitted}
ag^t any his Ma^{ty} Liege Subjects. We doe also Certifye that
we are ready for the ffuture to follow yo^r Ex^{ncys} Ord^r in Rang-
ing as p yo^r Ord^r prescribed untill further Ord^r and if any