

ffrom our Garrison to Potapsco 20 miles, thus to Guins Lib. H. D.  
falls four miles, thence to a branch of the same falls four  
miles, thence to Potapsco main falls twelve miles, thence to  
the Inhabitants fourteen miles.

This is a description of our Road, w<sup>ch</sup> we were ordered to  
make and marke, which we have done.

We have Ranged & made discovery of all the Good Lands  
back of our Road and found a great many Indian Cabins &  
Tents where we marked Trees and sett up our names. We  
have observed to see the outside Plantations since so Ordered.

Pursuant to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Command for Returning an account  
of our Ranging; I do humbly certifiye that according to your  
Ex<sup>ncys</sup> late Order for Ranging to the ffrontiers I have kept my  
men Ranging ever since to the ffrontier Plantations, and up  
and down the Eastern Branch towards the head of Patuxent  
to the ffrontiers there, and so back again, but have not mett  
with any Indians in all our Range; nor any thing worth  
noticeing. And as to our out Ranger before the s<sup>d</sup> Order we  
kept constantly Ranging from our Garrison to the Sugar  
Lands w<sup>ch</sup> we compute to be about forty miles, being gener-  
ally Stony Rocky land, near the River, all the way thither, and  
barrens backwards; but the Sugar Lands extraordinary rich p. 584  
and continue so for severall miles backwards ffrom the Sugar  
Lands we range away towards the Eastward to Potapsco, w<sup>ch</sup>  
we compute to be about 50 Miles, and so from thence make  
strait away to the Garrison, w<sup>ch</sup> we compute to be betwixt  
Sixty and Seaventy miles, in w<sup>ch</sup> Range is generally good  
Land; but we have not met nor seen any Indians these twelve  
months except two back Indians that came to the ffoort; hard  
before M<sup>r</sup> Stodarts Negro boye was Murthered, who came  
Civilly into the ffort & were suffer'd to depart without any  
disturbance as for making any other discoveries, I know of  
none to give an acco<sup>t</sup> off; All w<sup>ch</sup> is humbly certified this 12<sup>th</sup>  
day of Octob<sup>r</sup> An<sup>o</sup> 1697.

by your Ex<sup>ncys</sup> obedient & faithfull  
humble Servant  
Richard Brightwell

The Hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll Nicholas Greenberry upon his motion  
that his Lady is sick was permitted to go home.

October the 20<sup>th</sup> 1697.

The Council again sate and were present as before; The  
Honorable S<sup>r</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup> and Coll Nicholas  
Greenberry, being only absent.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to propose to the Gentlem<sup>n</sup> of his