

but most of Them had sent the reason of their not coming, Lib. H. D. and desired to know if we had anything further to Offer; to which we return'd answer, that we were to give his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and that Hono<sup>ble</sup> Board an Acco<sup>t</sup> of a late Murther committed in Maryland by Indians w<sup>ch</sup> we did by reading the Letters of Coll<sup>o</sup> Addison & some others giving an acco<sup>t</sup> of the Circumstances thereof, and then we read our severall proposalls laid in Writing before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and upon reading every article explained the same by words and enlarged thereon by laying before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and that Hono<sup>ble</sup> Board the Inductive reasons of the Government of Maryland; desiring the same and the reasonableness & Justness thereof; and particularly that article desiring the Indians to be sent for & hear proposalls from some Gentlemen appointed of Maryland.

We gave a particular account of what proposalls we had to make to them; and so having passed through every Article of ours in Writing; We concluded th<sup>t</sup> the same was thought necessary for his Maj<sup>ties</sup> service and the peace & safety of Maryland and therefore concluded w<sup>th</sup> an humble prayer to grant them and give Ord<sup>s</sup> accordingly. To w<sup>ch</sup> his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> returned answer that as they had so they would have all due regard not only to our Message but our persons and being asked if we had any further to say, we replied we had not; but to desire that as our proposalls had been laid down in Writing so the answers to them might be that we might not Err in returning them, and so we Retired. About 3 or four hours after we were called in and his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> then acquainted us that the Gentlemen had weighed & duly considered the severall matters laid before them, and that it was their desires as well as his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> not to be wanting in anything of a suitable returne; and thereupon his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> was pleased to give us a verball answer to every Article; saying first that it was conceived that the Relation we had given of the Murther was in Ord<sup>r</sup> to usher in the other proposalls To w<sup>ch</sup> we made answer that we came not to argue with his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and that Hono<sup>ble</sup> Board, but to propose & desire as we had done in Writing and declared our selves at large thereon and humbly prayed that we might have his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & Councils result or answer in Writing; it was returned us that we should have it in Writing as soon as it could be transcribed. We then returned our thanks to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> for his Courtesies and favours to us, and in giving us so ready a dispatch; and to the Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Gentlemen of the Council for their trouble occasioned thereby, assuring them we used our utmost endeavor to have reacht James Town before the Assembly ended but could not; and so we retired to our Lodgings and some Gentlemen of the Council went w<sup>th</sup> us & treated us with a glass of Liquors &<sup>ca</sup> p. 599