

Lib. H. D. Application made unto his Hon^r S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secretary for the same and for the immediate Service of his Ma^{ty} and the Countrey; I Say Rēcd: by me the day & year aboves^d.

Rich^d Brightwell

Anno 1696 Taxables in Petuxant Hundred	109
in Collighton Hundred	050
in Mount Calvert Hundred	158
in Mattapany Hundred	197
	<u>514</u>

There is Eight Plantacōns Taken into Charles County out of this Parrish by the Devision of the County's: which are not in the above Number of Taxables

p Edw^d Willett C^{lk}:

Maryland ss At a Councill met & held at the Port of Annapolis the ffourteenth day of May in Ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the Third &^{ca} Annoq Domini 1697.

Present

His Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca}

S^r Thomas Lawrence Barron^t Secy^r }
 Coll: Henry Jowles }

Justices of the Prov^{ll} Court & Burgesses &c sent for to consult them abt the Murd^{rs} lately comitted by Indians in Cœcill & Prince Georges Counties

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His Ex^{ncy} is pleas'd to Send for the Justices of the Prov^{ll} Court and what Burgesses were in Town and accordingly appeared M^r Speaker, M^r Smith, Cap^t Tasker, M^r Hopkins, M^r Hemsley, Coll: Beale, M^r Hatton, Maj^r Thompson, Cap^t Hill, M^r Lingan, Maj^r Maxwell, M^r Staly, M^r Att^r & Sollicito^r Gen^{ll} as also M^r Robert Goulesborough his Ma^{ty} Counsell at Law being likewise p^rsent.

His Ex^{ncy} Acquaints them that the Occasion of Sending for them at this p^rsent, was in the matter about the Noise of the Indians & those murders lately Committed by them in Cœcill County and the head of Potomock and for to take their Advice therein considering no more of his Ma^{ty} hon^rble Council were as Yet met together and that they would give their Opinion what is best to be done & whether they can find out a way to reconcile the thing without an Assembly; telling them that by the Informacōn he has had, he finds the Originall Cause to Proceed Chiefly upon a Grudge with Some particular p^rsons upon the Score of Trade Yet does Conceive that upon deserting their ffort & withdrawing themselves into another Gov-