

LID. H. D. Road the way may be still passable for them. And sent by me to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> three drest deer skins and as our Brother being now dead and Buryed that they cannot help, but hope the murder<sup>rs</sup> are not got so farr but may be taken and that they are very ready and willing to put on their Shoes and Run after them if yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> think fit they sent by me, one wild Catt, one ffisher, two Raccoones. And that the Delaway Indians are noe ways Guilty of the murder but shall be ready to go after the Chaharoono Indians and hope they may go and Come as formerly. They sent to me by yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffour ffathoms of Wampum.

May the 15<sup>th</sup> 1697.

The Council again Sate & were p<sup>r</sup>sent as Yesterday.

Presents from the Susquehanna & Delaware Indians sent & p<sup>r</sup>ented by Maj<sup>r</sup> Thompson & Cap<sup>t</sup> Hance to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup>

Came and appear'd at the Board Maj<sup>r</sup> John Thompson & Cap<sup>t</sup> John Hance of Cœcill County and p<sup>r</sup>ented his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> with the Skins Sent from the Susquehannah King and Delaware Indians w<sup>ch</sup> were kindly received.

Capt Hans's Ordr to go to the Susquehanna & Delaware Indians &ca to signify the Rect<sup>t</sup> of their p<sup>r</sup>sents, & tht he would have 2 or 3 of the Chief of each Nation be here at the Assbly

The Justices of the Prov<sup>l</sup> Court and Kings Lawy<sup>rs</sup> being sent for, & appearing they were asked their Opinion whether it would not be necessary that some of the Chief men of the Susquehannah, Shevanor & Delaware Indians be sent for to Come down to the Assembly to discourse them who are of Opinion it will. Ordered therefore that the s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> John Hance goe to the 2<sup>d</sup> Indians and acquaint them that his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> had recd. their p<sup>r</sup>sents. And that he would have two or three of the Chief each Nation Come down to the Assembly which is to be held here at the Port of Annapolis the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May instant, who may then have the opportunity to be heard, in what they have to Offer hereby directing the s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Hance to Come with them (he being a person understanding in their Language) for which Charge and trouble he is to be allowed in the publick leavy of this Province &ca Ordered likewise that he make inquiry whether any other persons can give any further Information about the Murder there lately Committed and that he make return thereof accordingly.