

At a Council held at Mount Calvert on Thursday the Lib. X eighteenth day of July in the Eleventh year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c^a Annoq Dni 1700

Present

His Exc^y Nath Blakiston Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l
 the honble { Coff^o Henry Iowles Tho Brooke Esq^r } of
 { Coff^o Iohn Addison Coff^o In^o Ham^d } the
 { Coff^o Iohn Courts Tho Tasker Esq^r } Council

His Excellency acquaints the Board that the Occasion of his now calling them together is that upon the late cruel & inhuman murder in Virginia he was obliged to appoint some p. 216 rangers upon the Frontiers of Potomack & not only to Consult with them but also the committee of the house of Delegates who he had summoned to meet here at this time according to the directions of the act of Assembly appointing the said Committee &c^a & to consult the safety of the Province either in keeping out the Rangers now appointed being six & an Officer or raising more or otherwise as the Board & Committee shall advise upon which mature & deliberate consideration being had advised that Protection be given to the Inhabitants seated on Potomack & that one other Ranger be added so that they may Range by four at a time & that they keep out until such time as his Exc^y shall think fit to call them in

His Excellency is pleased to send for the Comittee for deciding differences between the english and Indians who came viz^t

of the	{	Cap ^t Richard Hill	}	M ^r Walter Smith	}
Com-	{	M ^r James Sanders	}	M ^r Elisha Hall	}
mit-	{	M ^r John Worthington	}	Cap ^t Phil ^p Hoskins	}
tee	{	M ^r James Hutchison	}	&	}
	{	M ^r Tho Greenfield	}	M ^r Benj ^a Hall	}

Read his Excellencys order to Captain Philip Hoskins & Major William Dent to go to the Indians & enquire for the murtherers & their answer to his Excellencys order by which no certainty could be Gathered who had committed that Barbarous act

Further advised that in case any necessity should appear to appoint any Rangers upon Elk Ridge that his Excellency p. 266 would be pleased to put on four Rangers there with the trouble of call^s the Council or Committee

Then taken into Consideration about the Indian Fort upon the Island of Potomack & whether a Message shall be sent to those Indians to come in or not Voted in the Negative