

Lib. X. It being Debated in Council whether it might not be fitting  
 p. 221 upon the late murder committed by the Indians upon Thomas  
 Thickpenny & his wife in Prince George's County to have a  
 certain young Indian Lad at Choptico Son to the Emperor of  
 Piscattoway secured & kept in the nature of an hostage until  
 some satisfaction had as to that Murther

The securing the said Indian Lad is not thought Conve-  
 nient at this time but it is advised that the Frontiers be well  
 Secured until such time as the Assembly meets & that Coll<sup>o</sup>  
 Beal continue ranging & endeavour to make some discovery  
 if Possible of the Indians that were Concerned in that murder

Resolved that Colonel Courts, Coll Beal, Coll<sup>o</sup> Addison,  
 Coll<sup>o</sup> Smallwood & M<sup>r</sup> John Hawkins acq<sup>t</sup> the Indians that  
 are adjacent to them & came in seem<sup>s</sup> to be our Friends that  
 they may expect very good treatment from this Government  
 on their good Behav<sup>r</sup>

Whereas M<sup>r</sup> John Hawkins has sold those Indians some  
 Match coats & Powder moved at the Board whether he may  
 deliver them the said Match coats & Powder

Resolved that the said M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins deliver the Indians the  
 Match coats but no Powder as he will Answer the contrary  
 at his Peril

Resolved that a Messenger be sent to the Emp<sup>r</sup> of a Pis-  
 cattoway by a sufficient number of men to dem<sup>d</sup> Satisfaction  
 for this late it being very strongly presumed to have been  
 committed by his Indians

Advised that in case the Emperor or King Peter should  
 accidentally come down among the Inhabitants that they be  
 p. 222 Secured & brought before his Excellency the Governor

Coll<sup>o</sup> Addison informs his Excellency that Provisions are  
 not to be had in Prince Georges County for the Rangers  
 Subsistance

Whereupon his Excellency is pleased to say he will Supply  
 them from Annapolis

Then were read his Excellencys Commission & Instruc-  
 tions to Colonel Ninian Beal Commander of the Rangers on  
 Potomack whereupon it fell under the Consideration of &  
 was advised by the Board that in Case Coll Beal or his men  
 in ranging should meet any Sculking Indians which could  
 give no good Acco<sup>t</sup> of themselves that he should be directed  
 to bring them before Col<sup>o</sup> Addison to be examined & dealt  
 withal according to his Discretion

Resolved that upon Application to his Exc<sup>v</sup> a good  
 Quantity of Fusees & Musquets be sent to Coll<sup>o</sup> Addison to  
 be distributed among the poor Inhabitants on the Frontiers

The Council desire his Excellency will be pleased that in  
 case any further Mischief happens to be done by Indians that