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The Council Sate in Assembly present

His Excellency the Governour

Col John Addison Thomas Brooke Esq^r Robert Smith Esq^r Col John Hammond William Coursey Esq^r Kenelm Cheseldyne Esq^r Col Francis Jenkins Col Thomas Ennals

James Sanders Esq^r

His Ex^{ey} was pleased to lay before the Board the following Letter of Col Ninian Beale viz.

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I think it my Duty to render your Excy an Account of the late murder that has been Committed by the Heathen in Virginia at Potowmack Creek the last of October murdered one man two women one Child and on Thursday last there came one Indian from the mountains to the Eastern branch there being a great many Indians hunting in those places and hallowed over the Eastern branch to some other Indians at Andrew Hamiltons they having a Cabbin there and the Indian went over to see what he hollowed for and stayed a matter of half an hour and returned and Told the said Hambleton that they must all go to the mountains to morrow. Which they are all in general gone. May it please your Excy Ammunition is very scarce in these Parts. No more but your Excellency's humble Servant to Command whilst

I am Ninian Beale

These from Rock Creek

The last day of October mentioned in the s^d Letter is supposed to be a mistake and should be the last day of August.

Advised that his Ex^{cy} the Governour will write to Col Beale to desire his utmost Care and Diligence to prevent any mischief or disturbance in these parts and if any should happen to give his Ex^{cy} and Col Addison the Speediest notice and that if any Arms or Ammunition are wanting there upon Intimation Care will be taken to send what is requisite and that he apply to Col Addison for any Ammunition.

The honble Col Thomas Ennalls presented to his Ex^{cy} and the Council the complaint of M^r Henry Coursey a Nanticoke Indian against M^r Peter Taylor of Dorchester County that being indebted to the said Peter Taylor four bushells of Indian Corn two buckskins and one Doe Skin in all of the Value of