

which Wells said he had of Silvester Welches Wife and that She heard Daniel Wells say he had Clarke by the Hand a few days before he went & swore he would follow him. Original Journal.

That Wells told her he mett with his first Cozen at Annapolis To which She Answered She believed he was his Cozen Rogue. Wells said they were Brother & Sister Children and brought him where Wells lived and there they drunck all night and after found means to Steale away her Orphan Boy and did discourse as she heard of their Intent to take away a mollatto Boy.

Capt George Harris came and made oath that not Long since comeing through Hoopers streights he mett with one Rob<sup>t</sup> Reed who told him that three White men and two Negroes a Man and a Woman put into a Bite on Island where they had made a Tent and that two of them had Arms. That the s<sup>d</sup> Reed & two others went to them and invited them up to the house but they said they did not want any thing unless Rume if they could sell them any to which they answered they could not and thereupon they tooke to their Boate and made downe the bay. p. 35

Reid discribed one to be Richard Clarke having a flat nose peaked Chinn & under jaw outjetting the upper.

This Boarde being well Informed that Rich<sup>d</sup> Clarke Charles Harrison and Tho<sup>s</sup> Wintersell went away from South River in a Boate w<sup>th</sup> two Negro's much about that time verily believe they were the Same.

And ordered M<sup>rs</sup> Finley & M<sup>r</sup> Harris's Depo<sup>ns</sup> be sent to the house of Delegates Who are desired to direct the Co<sup>m</sup>ittee to Examine Maj<sup>r</sup> Wilson what W<sup>m</sup> Stimpson has Declared to him.

The Board having Examined the Evidences Produced on behalf of Henry Roberts as to the Illegitimacye of Elinar Campbells Child Pretend to be heir at Law to John Roberts And being Satisfied therewith. Ord<sup>red</sup> that the said Petition and Examination to be Sent to the house of Delegates by Coll Holland and M<sup>r</sup> Sanders, Who carried them downe to the House.

The Boarde Adjourned till to morrow Morning at nine of the Clock

Thursday April 3<sup>d</sup> 1707.

The Councill State Present as Yesterday.

The following Message Sent to the house of Dellegates by M<sup>r</sup> Sanders Viz. p. 36