

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 13th day of July in the Eighth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1759.

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Present

The Honble { Benjamin Tasker Esq. } D. Dulany Esq.
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His Excellency the Governor is Pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter and Depositions Viz^t

Philadelphia 11 June 1759.

Sir

I received yours of the 18th of April in which was inclosed a report of your Council and Copies of Several Depositions relative to the Death of William Outten Lately a deputy Sheriff in the County of Worcester, at the Time the Assembly was sitting at New Castle which gave me an opportunity of Communicating to such of the Justices of Sussex as were members of the House the Several Papers and of enquiring more Particularly into this Unhappy Affair, the Justices declared there was abundant Proof that the Place where the Fact was Committed is and was ever reputed to be Within the County of Sussex and that the Gentlemen of the Maryland Council had been misinformed as to their behaviour which has always been Peaceable and quiet and that they were Greatly Surprized and Concerned to hear that at a Time when the Proprietary's of Pensylvania had acquainted the House of Assembly that a final agreement was Likely to take Place between the Lord Baltimore and them for the Settlement of all disputes relative to the Borders, there should be Indictments against John Sharp and many others Inhabitants of the County of Sussex found by the Grand Jury for the County of Worcester, for not Delivering Lists of their several Taxables to the Constables of that County and that Process should so rashly Issue out of that County Court for the Apprehending them, when it was well known that they were within the Bounds of Sussex County and had paid their Taxes uninterruptedly in that County from the first Settlement of their Lands, Those Gentlemen further Inform me that Sundry Facts relating to themselves as set forth in the Depositions were absolutely untrue. After giving them a strict charge as to demean themselves that no Disturbances might arise amongst the Borderers, I sent orders to have the most exact enquiry made into the affair and Particularly to Ascertain the scituation of the Place where Outten was unfortunately killed and to return all to me upon Oath.