

Right Hon:ble

Yours 15th May to Stile Received the 26th of new stile
 out of which we have seen that upon the advice of Mr. Hollingsworth you are
 come to the Island of Nathaniel let us for to Examine the same terrible murders done
 by the Saukhan Indians unto four English Men. (This thus) for as much as
 hath appeared to us that there have been four persons out of the provinces of
 Maryland which after two days stay departed from hence to their plantations
 as they said. and by the way are mette by the said Indians by whom they are
 murdered. And on the 11th of the month of Hillmett that two Indians coming
 from the Miquas Country, to one of them they did give a Flatt and nothing
 else to the other they gave nothing. The same two Indians came to the Town
 imagining nothing but the Murthers which killed the Men did very secretly
 and speedily pass this place up to the River. Two or Three inhabitants of New
 Amstall did in the mean while lay Hold on those two Indians. And I
 caused them to be brought to the Forte but after many Examinations found
 them not Guilty but that it was done by another Nation wherefore we have
 Released them, because the ignorant cannot Suffer for the Guilty, otherwise
 it would be a Case grounded of no reason besides there is sometimes past
 between us and would have occasioned between us and the Indians a difference
 which might Engage us with them to an open War, whereby the Cultivure
 of the Country and the Advancement of the Colony would be much hindered
 in which apparently your Honour would take no Comfort nor Content
 with the two Indians which have not been actually in the Fact. And there-
 fore your Honour be assured that the releasing of the two Indians hath
 not been done out of any ill Intent nor to the prejudice of so good Christians our
 Neighbours in favour of the Heathens which have committed from time to time
 Divers murders and Robberies upon our own Nations also, wishing that we
 could lay hold of this good opportunity in revenging our selves upon the
 Murthers also to conclude your Honour may be confident that the shedding
 of Christian Blood is most detestable unto us assuring your self that we shall
 Contribute in all things to the preservation of friendship with neighbours
 of our Belief for as much as might be done without prejudice to our own
 Nations of Committ your Honour to Gods Keeping who will give us
 Blessings to your Government. So I Rest

Your Servicably Friend
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Praise God above all things... 1661.

Mr Wright

Be pleased to do so much as to let me know how

it is with you and the Rest for Trade.

The Indians Threaten to Kill me and that is the reason
 I must Watch in my House with Seven or Eight Gun Loaden
 and I have no Comfort from the inhabitants here Indians and Dutch both
 saying that I am an English Man I wish I could have time to speak half
 an Hour with you Mr. Hollingsworth is very sorry he has no answer of
 (his)