

Understand from Mr. Hollinsworth of the
 Murder of four men belonging to this Province by the
 hand of some Indians his Neighbours, and further that upon his Accusation
 you had committed them to Guard, find this Request by you to be prejudicial
 the true State of the Matter. It is not our Custom to put up the Injuries
 of Indians nor to bury the blood of Christians in forgetfulness and Oblivion.
 Therefore I request you to deliver me the Indian prisoners that may
 deal with them according to our Justice in like Cases I am now at
 Ipsosia and there shall remain till I have provided for the safety of the
 People and the honour of our Nation and there shall expect an answer
 from you to

Ipsosia 15: May 1661

Superscribed

For the hon^{ble} Alexander Dhuioyepa

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Gov^{or} of new Amstela

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Right Hon^{ble}

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Style out of which we have seen that upon the Advice of Mr. Hollinsworth
 you are come to the Island of Nath^l Vltie for to examine the lamentable
 Murder done by the Sankitan Indians unto four English men (It is thus)
 Howasmuch as hath appeared to us that here have been four persons out of
 the Province of Maryland which after two days stay departed from hence
 to their Plantations as they said and by the way are not by the said
 Indians; by whom they were murdered (and by Maritius or the pro
 tible met them two Indians coming from the Mingos Country, to one
 of them they did give what and asking the to the Other they gave
 nothing, The same two Indians came to the Town imagining nothing,
 but the murderers which killd the man did very secretly and speedily
 pass this place unto the River, Two or three Inhabitants of New Amstela
 told in the mean while lay hold on those two Indians, and I caused
 them to be brought to the fort but after many examinations found
 them not guilty, but that it was done by another Nation, wherefore
 we have releas^d them, because the Ignorant cannot suffer for the
 guilty - Otherwise it would be to have grounded if no reason besides
 there is some time past betwixt us and would have occasioned betwixt
 us and the Indians a difference which might engage us wth them to an
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