

A Council held at Muttapony Swale the 29th Day
of December lmo Dny; 1683.

Present

His Hon^{ble}: the Lord Prop^{ty}
His Hon^{ble}: Col^l Henry Darnall } His Hon^{ble}: Maj^r: Nicholas Swale
Col^l Wm Digger } M^r: John Darnall

John Howellin Admitted and appointed Clerk of the Council and
Upper House of Assembly.

M^r: Edward Pye Sworne privy Councello^r:

Ordered to be read a Letter from Col^l Lloyd to his Hon^{ble}: which he is
pleas'd to communicate to this Board being as followeth

Decemb: 22: 1683:

Dear your Hon^{ble}:

Col^l Lloyd's Letter

Being as John Edmondson on Wednesday last came an information
and complaint to me by William Croth an Inhabitant of Dover in
Choptank River, that on Monday before last came an Indian to his
house, who behaved otherwise insolent behaviour, and without any other
provocation than being turned out of a woman's room, who was
in the pains of travell, and after curbed from following and noise,
cockt his gun and fired at him the said William Croth, who
happily seeing the motion of the gun started and thereby
avoiding the shot, though so narrowly that the powder struck
his Clothe upon his breast, then the Indian seconded his attempt
with his Arrow, until seeing William Croth have his gun, he
boulded out of the house and ran away, yett not so fast, but
that he did suppose he had wounded him, for having shot after
him he found some blood upon where he stood; for many more
particulars of the information I must refer your Hon^{ble} to this Messengers.

My Lord when I weigh'd of whole matter, and consider'd from what
small part might be beginning, your Hon^{ble} and we have had so
 tedious and vexatious troubles, I thought it needful to apply some
 early care, to save our reputation in this, and prevent such insolencies
 for the future, and for that end I sent away the Information to Col^l
 Cursey desiring his Advice, and sent orders to Maj^r: Jany to raise
 some few horse, and forthwith make search into all their winter
 Quarters for a wounded Indian with Gun shot, who he supposed he
 would fly if wounded and a stranger, or to the Indian Council
 if one of their own Nation, who to immediately went my self
 with some half a score men & search'd their fort for him, but not

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