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 A Council held at Manahowick Neck Plant in  
 Wicocomoco. Upon the Ninth Day of August in the third year  
 of the Dominion of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles I. over the Province  
 Annoq<sup>3</sup> Domini 1678.

Present  
 Thomas Notley Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup>.  
 Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>.  
 Baker. Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup>.  
 Benjamin. Foxer Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Which were assembled together to consider, consult and advise upon the  
 murder committed upon Daniel Commingham & his family in Potomac River  
 by some Indians; severall Papers & Letters taken from the Inhabitants  
 in the said being read, as also the Deposition of John Burroughs who came  
 from the said Commingham's house ~~being taken before the Govern<sup>r</sup>~~ being taken before the Govern<sup>r</sup> then  
 produced and read being as followeth viz

The Deposition of John Burroughs taken before  
 the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Notley Esq<sup>r</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> the Seventh  
 Day of August Anno 1678.

The said John Burroughs having taken his Oath upon the Holy Evangelist  
 of Almighty God Declareth that yesterday about two or three of the  
 Clock in the afternoon he was at the house of Thomas Edwards at the  
 Northern Branch of Potomac River whether was then removed  
 Daniel Commingham's wife being miserably wounded by some Indians  
 on Saturday last the third instant at her husband's house.  
 The Deposition asked her how many Indians there were at her husband's  
 house when she received the wound to w<sup>ch</sup> (being speechless) she made a sign  
 by holding up her hand and her thumb close, thereby intimating four  
 At this Deposition then asked her whether on Wednesday last a Casattoway  
 Indian were there whereupon she lift up her hand and putt on her head  
 upon the place where she was wounded. And further the said Deposition  
 saith that she heard M<sup>r</sup> Edwards Mother to the said Commingham's wife  
 say at the same time say that as she was discoursing of the murder she  
 said that she did verily believe that the rogue Wastata had been there  
 and done the mischief. At w<sup>ch</sup> the said Commingham's wife did then also  
 lift up her hand to her head as afore. & further saith not

mark of

John Burroughs  
 from whence and severall other circumstances concurring it was the opinion  
 of the Council that the said murder was perpetrated by the Casattoway Indians  
 Whereupon

That Major William Boardman Go: to the Casattoway Fort and  
 acquaint the great men that were at the Emperor and one of their  
 great men had lately (to say) been with the Govern<sup>r</sup>.  
 to whom they had then delivered severall matters of moment to w<sup>ch</sup>  
 did not think fitt (without the advise of the Council) to returne