

So full and positive an answer as they might happily expect  
But having since considered the Council and consulted thereupon  
he was now ready to give them an answer did this for: & for their  
great mind to come to Manahowick Neck on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>  
of this instant August where the Governour and Council would  
have ~~been~~ met with them and hear what further they had to say  
But in case the said Indians should seem to scruple or be  
further inquisitive of the cause of our finding for them  
It was then ordered that Mayo Boardman should acquaint  
them ~~with~~ with the murder committed, and give them to understand  
that whereas they have had some men lately killed and were  
likewise some others the Governour and Council thought it  
necessary for our common preservation to hold a Matchaconee  
of Ours and their great mind together to consult & advise  
upon some Expedition to be taken for our Defence  
against the Invasion & Assaults of Foreign Indians.

In a Council held at Manahowick Neck the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1678.

Present: As Before

Ordered that a Letter be sent the Lord Prop: of Council advising  
his L<sup>ty</sup>: of the late murder and the result of the Council  
thereon which was accordingly done as fo<sup>l</sup>: vis

Maryland Aug: the 10<sup>th</sup> 1678.

May it Please Your L<sup>ty</sup>:

Having this Opportunity of Covills Departure from Maryland within  
a week or thereabouts thought it our duty of the same to acquaint you L<sup>ty</sup>: with  
a murder lately (to say on the third instant in the morning) committed on  
Daniel Coppingham & his family near the head of Potomack River  
of some Indians strongly presumed to be the Sasattoway, the said  
Coppingham and another young man killed outright as they were in the  
field at work Coppingham is of Somershook in the house where  
she was afterward found lying prostrate in her blood & not quite dead  
but rendered altogether senseless and so remained till her death which happened  
yesterday morning so that though she were a person well knowing and  
acquainted with most of those Indians she could not declare any thing, but  
by signs which she made did plainly discover the murderers to be Sasattoway  
for being asked how many Indians had been there she held up her hand with  
her thumb down thereby (to say by her four fingers held up) intimating four  
being then asked whether Wasitah (a Sasattoway Indian known to visit  
those parts and whom the Capt: suspected guilty of the murder) were  
there she immediately held up her hand to her head where she was wounded from  
whence and several other circumstances concurring will gather and are fully  
assured that the Sasattoway Indians are the real murderers whereupon