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the rumor w^{ch} they themselves had made of the Simuques being in the place
 and killing some of their men w^{ch} had been at that very time & some time
 before of the of the in Ann Amund County & the off^r ranging & scouring
 the head of the River w^{ch} could not discover any Horriquet Indian or
 the least sign of them, that the Sacontaway Indians themselves had certainly
 been hunting in those parts and were found there about the day before the said
 day, and the day after the murder was committed that if any Horriquet
 Indian had seen them they must needs have discovered or met with them
 that from the house where the murder was committed was taken away the
 main stalks the Hatt a bundle of Matchcoats and some Tobacco out
 of a the w^{ch} food in the house w^{ch} was some tobacco and the Tobacco taken
 out that very same day were found there: Indians at a Neighbouring
 place. One whereof had with him a bundle of Matchcoats & some
 pipes of tobacco in it, that the day after the murder was committed
 were discovered four Indians within two miles of the house where the
 was done. Three of them being asked, that they met with an English
 man and inquired of him whether Wapitags were in those parts and that
 at several other places placed about the same time the Pifattouray Indians
 have been seen in those parts all w^{ch} we can certainly prove from witness
 and other circumstances concurring w^{ch} do verily believe and are fully
 assured that some of the Sacontaway Indians have committed murder.
 That we had therefore sent for them to put them in mind of their league
 made with us w^{ch} was yearred since in May last, One of the whereof signed
 by the Lord Inyph and the Governour that now is and the great Seal of the
 Province w^{ch} did suppose they had in keeping the other part under their
 great mens hands we had ready upon occasion produced. The Articles
 they are bound if at any time any of their Indians or others living with
 them should murder any of our English, ^{they know the} to deliver up the murderers freely
 w^{ch} of their own accord without demand by us made although we
 shall not be able to prove it to be done by them. But if we should
 first discover the murder and those that did it, then are they also bound
 to deliver them up to us without any trouble upon our demand, w^{ch} being
 likewise bound by the said Article (if at any time it should be sufficiently
 proved that any of our men should kill any of their Indians to put
 the murderers to death in like manner as we should do of any of their
 Indians that should be delivered up to us. That we have been careful
 to preserve our league with them firm and inviolate w^{ch} they are
 sensible of themselves if we had been guilty of any breach we should
 doubtless have received their complaints and been ready to give them
 satisfaction. But on the contrary a murder has been committed on some
 of us and that of some of their Indians (as we have all reason in the
 world to conclude) that we did now demand satisfaction of them
 and did not doubt but that they would as readily deliver up the
 murderers to us without any further trouble according to their
 Articles. that we are not willing to quarrell with them to make
 war upon them and destroy them, but desire to continue and preserve
 our league and friendship with them provided they render us their
 reasonable satisfaction w^{ch} of their said Articles they are bound to do
 and we to require at their hand.

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