

Our Councill held at the City of St. Maria the Eight and twentieth
Day of July Anno Domini 1681.

The R^{ts} Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r:
Philip Calvert Esq: (Hanc. Co.)
William Calvert Esq: Secy
H^{on}: Vincent Low. Esq: Sur. Gen^l: (Pr. Jnl)
Edm^d Henry Darnall

Mr Vincent Low. gave the board to understand that he had recd.
information from Major William Courcy that about the beginning
of Jun: last that about one or two and twenty Indians belonging
to Squasino and Hattawapp on the Eastern shore departed from their
towns and made for the Western shore pretending they were at
Taylor and John Watsons, and that but half of them returned
again, that Squasino was heard to say the Indians were gone out
and he wished there might be no mischief done before they returned
for he knew not what design they went upon.
He was likewise informed from Mr. Thomas Vaughan that some
English endeavoured to speak with the said Indians upon their return
but the Indians avoided them.

Ordered that Edm^d Lowe and Edm^d Stimson Keyd be Empowered to
inquire into the truth of the said Information and that they
take the Examinations of Major Courcy and Mr. Thomas
Vaughan with what other English Evidence they shall think
fitt touching the premises, and that if for their better discovery
they shall for occasion) they send for Squasino and what other
Indians they think fitt to examine concerning the same, or otherwise
before they proceed for fear that they send down to the L^{dy}
and Council the English Examinations by them taken if to them
it shall seem most proper so to do for the better discovery thereof.

Accordingly issued and was Directed to Edm^d Lowe and Edm^d Keyd the
following power and order from this board viz

Maryland for

By the Lord Prop^r: and Council

Whereas Informations hath this day been given to the L^{dy} and
Council that in or about the beginning of Jun: last past, One or two and
twenty Indians belonging to the Kings Squasino and Hattawapp of Choptank
in Talbot County went abroad and reported that they went to Edm^d Taylor
and John Watsons, and that Squasino was heard to say some of the Indians
were abroad, he wished there might be no mischief done before they returned
for he knew not design they went upon, that only half of the said Indians
that went out returned home, whom some English persons endeavoured to
speak.