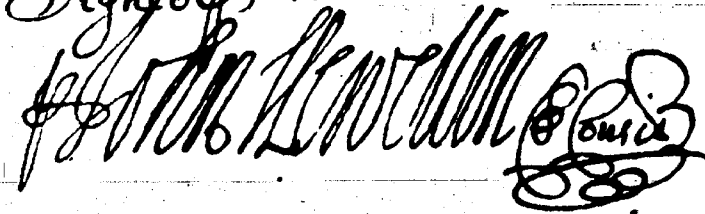


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Speak with but could not the Indians avoiding them, And where about
a fortnight after the said Indians went from their Town, the murder was
committed neere ^{the} ~~the~~ Look. Out.

There are the for to Authors and Empower as also to will and
Require you Coll Vincent Lowe and Coll Philimon Hoge of
Talbot County aforesaid to call before you Major William Courcy
and Thomas Vaughan of the County aforesaid gent and such
others whom you shall think fit to Examine upon oath or
otherwise concerning the premises in order whereunto you are
exactly to inquire and inform your selves the time when the
Indians first forth, what number of them, whether they went
what their business, where they were all the time of their absence,
when they returned part of them what became of the rest,
why they refused or avoided to speak with the English and
all other pregnant circumstances relating thereto, wherein
you are to make all Diligent search and scrutiny to find
out the truth, for the better effecting whereof you are (if
you see occasion) to Examine also Squawkins and what
other Indians you think fit concerning the same upon such
necessary propositions as to you shall seem most relating
to the premises, or otherwise you are to transmit to the
Lords and Council the English Examinations by writing
before you proceed to speak with the Indians according to
your discretion which to you shall seem best for the better
discovery of the premises and the Lords and Council more
clear Information. For all which this shall be your
Sufficient Warrant. Dated the Eighth and twentieth Day
of July in the Sixth year of the Dominion of the Right
Hon. Charles J. Amogh Domini 1681.

To Coll Vincent Lowe and Coll
Philimon Hoge of Talbot County

Signed Hon.


Ordered that Commissions for the use of the said and for the said
issue anew for Talbot County to Capt. Samuel Bourne, Roger
Brooks, Capt. Richard Ladd, John Griggo, Thomas Sterling, Thomas
Brooks, Richard Marshall, George Ligon, John Traversoff
Francis Collins, Francis Hutchinson, and Samuel Taylor gent
Coll Henry Towler as Sheriff being left out, and Capt.
Ladd placed in statu quo prius.
The Commissions are as follow

Charles.