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that the Letters came from my Lord, and he asked him where he did carry them
and he told him that he carried them to the Simiquos, and my wife asked him what
he carried them there for, the Simiquos cannot read, and the Indian answered
that the French were hard by, and that they could read them for the Simiquos
for they were their Interpreters to make a peace with us and our Neighbour
Indians. And further saith not

Robert Robins aged fifty two years or thereabouts sworn & examined
in open Court saith that he demanded of Daniel Mathina whether an Indian
did not bring some Letters to his house, and he answered that it was true, and that
he and his wife would take their oath of it, and I asked him what quantity
of Letters there might be and he said that there was almost a small Indian
basket full, but whether the Letters were from my Lord or not this Defendant
knoweth not but as the common fame was, and further saith not

John Martin aged twenty years or thereabouts sworn & examined
in open Court saith that he heard Daniel Mathina say upon the
Seventh day of July Anno 1681 at Mr. Hooker's house at Portobacco
it being then Sunday and there being the Church, that there was an Indian
came to his house with a parcel of Letters, and this Defendant asked him
from whence the Indian had those Letters, and Daniel Mathina answered
that they came from my Lords, and further I asked him when he had
those Letters, and he answered about this time twelve months further saith not

Whereupon in compliance to an order from the R. Hon. the Lord
Prop. bearing date the Eighth Day of August Anno Domini 1681:
Daniel Mathina being examined in open Court together with his Evidence
(viz.) Robert Robins and John Martin

It is ordered by the said Daniel Mathina with the Evidence Robert
Robins and John Martin be committed into the custody of Col. William
Chandler Sheriff of this County, and by him be conveyed downe to the
City of St. Maries with what convenient speed may be there to answer
to what shall be objected against them on the behalf of the R. Hon. the
Lord Prop.

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Thomas Eldred aged thirty years and upwards saith that on Saturday the
Fifteenth Day of July A. 1681: Nicholas Bid. came up from William
Loves and came into the tobacco ground to me, and I asked him what News
and he told me that Capt. Hindall was taken, and said he is our Captain
and a liver in the County, why should we not go down to release him,
or to see what was the matter that he was taken, and he desired me to come
to Church the next Morning with my arms, and I asked him who gave
orders to warre us in with our arms, and he said One Neighbour gave
orders unto another, and further he said that there was two men more
in the County to be taken, and I asked him who they were and he said
Mr. John Stone, and the Minister, and I answered him if they take the
Minister let them take that catch came, and further saith not

Whereupon It is ordered by the Court that Nicholas Bid. and the
Evidence Thomas Eldred be committed into the custody of Col. William
Chandler