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Mr. Edward Porby came here last night very late and brought news that the Indians had robbed John Marriott, beaten him and his wife and turned him out of Doors, & Designe to day bring the Sound of September to go up and carry him or a dozen men along and see what damage the Indians have done, if you please to send me any further order & please to direct it to the Court to him who is

September 2^d 1681

Your most humble Serv^t

Robert Proctor

Thus Directed

To Capt. Thomas Francis at Road River
to deliver with speed.

At the
Hon^r

Anu Arundell County September the 2^d 1681

The occasion of my present presumption is to inform your L^{ty} of a Robbery committed by the inimique Indians (as is supposed) on the first day of this instant at the house of one John Marriott at the head of Anu Arundell River upon the Ridge formerly Peter Porters. The Inimique was sent home, and the same day being our Election day I had the opportunity to speak with the said Marriott, which for substance gave me the following Narration (viz.) that Nine Indians came to his house the first of September in the morning and pressed hard for entrance into his house which he refused taking the gun in his hand, and standing upon his guard, willing his wife to take her Children and make escape to the next Plantation, which was hindered by more Indians till they were discovered, but still appearing more and more to the quantity of one hundred or thereabouts, they pressed so far upon him that into the house they would go, nor threats or signes of Anger would drive them out of which they have carried away and spoiled all that the hath in the world and killed his hoggs which he saith he had thirty in a Pen, which troubled his corn field, some of which they have taken away others they killed for pasture and lettye that of that number he finds onely three or four alive, his Little he knows not what they have killed, for they have all forsaken his Plantation, his Tobacco which was hanging in his tobacco houses they have throwne downe and spoiled, all which tendeth to his great loss, and to the putting of Neighbouring Plantations in greate feare so that they are many of them drawne together for their future safety. In humble manner I have truly although briefly acquainted you with this Robbery & humbly crave your L^{ty} pardon for what is amiss and subscribe my self

Your L^{ty} Faithfull and obedient Serv^t
Thomas Francis

There were many Indians sooner at the head of South River on y^e same day at several Plantations but no harme done.
Thus directed by J^{es} R. R. to the Hon^rble J^{es} R. Baltimore Esq^r Prop^r of the Province of Maryland
In humble manner