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This is the third time I've been alarmed, as also the third time that I now advise you there of. The condition of Charles County is - somewhat desperate, and how soon other Counties may feel the same you may easily guess - Noe persons in their right wits and senses will any longer take such for their friends as daily Robb and commit all manner of Insolencies on their persons, nor can any man think it safe to beare such any longer. By a warre against these Northern Indians somewhat may be saved, but if noe speedy course be taken the Estates will first be theirs, and then our lives will be next at their merays; I wish noe murders have already been committed, if any, I must declare such ought not to lye at my doore that have soe often solicited you to secure your selves and those you represent, and if my word may be taken it was for that reason you were at this time called together.

To both houses of Assembly.

Your Loving Friend
C. Ballmore

Memo^r in the Upper house of Assembly, before the Council there came Richard Maunwaring according to a summons from the said house and made this following Deposition:

Richard Maunwaring upon oath Examined Saith that coming from Rappahannock Towne to Nanjatico Towne in Virginia the highest way, he had an Indian for his guide, that about half way he mett with two other Indians belonging to Nanjatico painted all the upper parts almost to the middle, that the said two Indians asked if Indian that was the Deponents guide whether the Deponent could speak Indian, the guide told them Noe, they then told him that there were shaven people killed at Point Look-out, that this Deponent soon after came over into Maryland and heard of the murder that was done at Point Look-out, and as near as he can compute it the Day that he mett with the said Indians between Rappahannock and Nanjatico and heard them tell his guide of the people killed at Point Look-out was the next day after the murder was committed.

Jurat. 12^o Dic^r Sep^r 1681.

Exam^r Philip Calvert.

Richard Maunwaring
his mark.

Whereupon it was resolved by the Council then in the Upper house of Assembly that a Letter be writt to Sr. Henry Chicheley his Maj^{ties} Govern^r of Virginia and Indors to him the forgoing Deposition and also of the Examination & Information of (Indians witness) (vid. fo. 243) The Letter was accordingly writt as followeth

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