

At a Council held at the City of St. Marys the 14th
 Day of September Anno Domini 1681.
 The Rt. Hon. the Lord Prop^r

Philip Calvert Esq. (Hans. Co.)
 Vincent Low Esq. (Jud. Gen.)
 The Hon: Col. Thomas Failler
 Col. Henry Courby
 Col. William Stevens

Communicated to the Council by his L^{ty} a L^{tr} lately rec^d from
 Major Samuel Lane of Anne Arundell County with another also
 Inclos^d from Lt. Thomas Francis and Capt. Nicholas Gaskaway
 of the same County relating to a murder there lately committed by the
 Indians w^{ch} L^{trs} are as follow^s

from the head of South River Sep^r 13: 1681.

The Hon^r:
 The 12th instant at a Plantation of Major Welch's the Indians have
 killed a Negro and wounded with Comonawkes two English men, one
 mortally to all probability at y^e same Plantation w^{ch} have brought off
 the wounded and buried the dead, and are ranging and quartering our
 men some of them upon those frontier Plantations, the people being in
 great distress, the Indians following round their Plantations, attempting
 their dwelling houses chiefly of M^r. Duwall and Richard Snodden;
 I have but 19 men of all the Col^d Troop and cannot get more
 men are sick, and of them half have no ammunition, nor know w^h where
 to get it, there is such a parcel of Col^d Burger's foot Company in
 the like condition for Ammunition, the head of the River will be defiled
 if we leave them, and they have no other relief, we marched in the night to
 their relief, if they concluded to be cutt off, and it is probable they might
 have sustained great Damage, Major Lane sent to our Relief about
 thirty foot more but we have no order but to Range and defend
 the Plantations, the which we shall do to the best of our skill, and I
 suppose that if Baltimore County wants Assistance, that at this time
 it cannot be well supplied from Anne Arundell, we have stood to
 our Arms all night and need enough - just now more news of
 three families robbed at Swamp, w^{ch} desire your L^{ty} in behalf
 of the poor Inhabitants to send Ammunition & full order, men are
 afraid to see their Neighbours murdered and robbed thus, and order for to do
 nothing but to range, so desiring your L^{ty} pardon for what is amiss
 in our writing w^{ch} subscribes our selves yo^r Hon^r. humble Serv^{ts}

Tho. Francis; Nich. Gaskaway

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