Pleas: your Lopp:

The Manner of the murd: is thus, five Indians appeared and flourished their Cutlasses, the people went towards them and carried som: Corn: to them, but instead of accepting it they laid hold of ye Owner, but he got from them and made to his house ward, but they overtaking of him knock'd him down with the butt of their guns and left him for dead, upon after a Negro man and Killed him and wounded another the rest run away, ytt those rogues left a woman and a Child sick in the house and never harmed her, only took the Cloths she lay on and what was for their turns in the house.

Your Lopps Serv.t Edw: Francis

My Lord

I am may certify: your Lopp: that the County of Ann: Arund: at this time is in Great danger as the Justices will more fully certify: your Lopp: had not our men marched all Mon: day Night the greatest part of South River had been most cutt off We want Ammunition Exceedingly and have not wherewithall to furnish half our men, I hope: your Lopp will dispatch away Coll Burges with what Ammunition may be thought Convenient I shall take all the care that lyeth in me, but there comes daily and hourly Complaints to me that I am wholly Imployed in the Coumbreys I rest: not: Sr in haste with my humble Service to

Sept: 13th 1681: Your Lopps Samuel Lane:

Which Letters being read and their contents duly considered the Right Hon: in these following Commissions viz

Maryland ss:

Whereas We are certainly advised and informed of Several Insolencies and attempts daily offered to and made upon the Inhabitants of this Province by the Northern Indians now plundering and Murdering the said Inhabitants and Especially of a murder committed in your County of Ann: Arundell upon One Negro, and two English men grievously wounded, one (in all probability) even to death, for that as the case now stands) your present defence required and absolutely necessary for the Defence and Safeguard of your said County We Do hereby strictly charge and command you Coll Thomas Taillor and Coll William Burges forthwith upon sight hereof to repaire unto your Several and respective charges in the said County of Horse and foote taking such due care therein that the Inhabitants may be all upon their guard and posture of Defence as to you shall seem