

Major Truman returned that he had good Horses, and they were good footmen and might soon overtake them and the Indians Replied they would, and the Deponent further saith that in the Morning following the Susquehanna's great Men being at the Place of Meeting before the Marylanders and Virginians the said great Men were Laid again by the Virginians more highly of the Injuries done by them in Maryland & Virginia and they utterly Denied the same; and thereupon this Deponent was Commanded to Declare to them that they should be Bound, and this Deponent saith further that there was an old Paper and a Medall shew'd by the said Indians with a Black and Yellow Ribbon thereto, and that the said Indians did say the first Day in the Evening thereof that the same was a Pledge of Peace given and left with them by the former Governors as a Token of Amity and Friendship as long as the Sun and Moon should Last, and this Deponent saith to the best of his Remembrance all the Virginia Officers were present when the Indians were Bound, and this Deponent saith that the first Night of Meeting with the said Susquehanna's he was Ordered to Declare to them that Major Truman did Believe the Senecas had done the Mischiefs and not they and that he was well Satisfied therein —

Signed &c.

The Upper House do appoint the Place of Meeting of the Committee for Inspection of the Laws already made for Officers fees, to be in St. Maries Room in the Court house and the time Two of the Clock in the afternoon —

Signed &c.

The house is Adjourned for half an hour.

The house meet —

Lower house.

In Answer to the Message of this house received from his Lordship and Upper House by the Honourable Lord Wharton this house are of Opinion that Capt. Allen with his Troop in case of meeting with any Strange Indians that refuse to give an account what they are or fly from him that he with his Troop use his utmost endeavour to force and Compell the said Indians in, and that his Lordship be Desired that Captain Allen at his going out may have a friend Indian with him to acquaint Captain Allen which are friend Indians and which not —

Signed &c.

The house Adjourned till 10 a Clock to Morrow Morning —

On Saturday May the 20th 1676

The house meet —

Present as Yesterday —

Touching the Murder of the Susquehanna Indians Captain John Allen do Sworn and Examined saith that about the 25th or 26th Day of September or thereabouts Morning the Maryland forces appeared before the Fort under the Command of Major Truman who sending Hugh French and another to the Fort there were out two or three of the Indians and more afterwards to the Number of thirty or forty and more Major Examined them concerning the Mischiefs that was done to Mr. Pierson and