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The Deposition of Geoffrey the Mallota 1 May 1692

I hat on Friday last about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon as I was weeding of Corn I heard a gun go off on the South side of the Island upon which I saw the cattle running to and fro. I went to see what might the occasion be, and coming towards the end of the gun I saw three Indians and went to them, and asked them what business they had there, and they answered me what is that to you, told them it was to me, and then asked whether Blackstone was at home, I told them yes, — and they answered me you lie, then I asked them what do you give an Englishman the lie; then said I was a servant, then they asked for the man of the house, so I answered he was at the further end of the Island and was returning and they said they did not care, and then they laughed one upon the other, and then they asked me where the corn was, I told them I had no corn, and they said they must have corn and I told them they should not, and then I asked them where they lived, they answered that they lived in Virginia, then I went presently to the house and one of them followed me and asked again where the corn was, and I told him he should not have a bit of corn there so he bid me kiss his — I took the Musket and told him if he would not be gone I would shoot him, and told him if he would not make haste the bitch would tear him down, with that he went away as fast as he could to the other Indians, and then I went down to them with my Muskett and told them if they would not be gone the man of the house would thrash them, and they answered they did not care, all the three Indians were naked on the upper parts, and also painted in a warlike manner, and yesterday being Saturday about before night finding a young Mare which at last was found Dead and this Day opening of her there was found eight shot holes in the Body of her this the Deponent is ready to testify upon Oath as witness my hand

Geoffrey O Seils  
March —

Was also produced a Letter from Doctor Hall of Charles County employed looking after and curing the wounds of the said Elizabeth Kersley giving an account of her condition which Importing also his Demands and Charge thereof and praying an Allowance from the Publick, was transmitted to the Committee of Accounts for their Inspection and Examination.

Came Dr John Brooke Mr Edward Pindar and Mr Jacob Saunders from the house together with the Clerk of that house who they desire may have ministered to him the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy appointed by Act of Parliament as also the Oath of Clerk of the house obliging him to keep the Secrets of the house and keep fair Record of their proceedings which were all accordingly administered unto him and they Dismissed with the desire of this Board to get the leave of the house for Major James Smallwood one of their Members to come and attend this Board in order to discourse the Indians waiting for an audience.

Preceds to consider of the Nature and Manner of discoufing & treating with the Emperor of Piscallaway and other the Indians now attending Resolved that the Emperor of Piscallaway be first called in and made acquainted with