

And that they were informed Capt. Halladay should say he would engage to take the Fort with forty Men himself.

And that they further said that Mr. Stoddart and another man should offer to swear to two or three of their Men that they were concerned in that Murder, which they knew to be an untruth, for that none of them were concerned therein but suppose it to be foreign Indians.

Another Reason that they alledged for their going was that severall people bought their Lands over their heads, so that they had no certainty thereof without their leave, and that they would be neither Hoop or Shott killed but they were still blamed for it and called Rogues and Dogs.

And that the English do yearly time after time pull down their Fences and destroy their Corne fields with their Horses before they can gather it.

As to their coming back they utterly refuse, also excuse themselves from coming to ye Assembly being very weary and unable to travell so farre, but will all say that they desire to live peaceably there and to pass to and fro freely without trouble as formerly.

And that the English should be wellcome to come to their Forts as often as they please.

And says that he finds the great part of the Indians are inclinable to returne to Maryland especially the Common sort of Men and Women, and that severall of them are already come backe, and more resolve to come suddenly provided they may live peaceably and quietly, and that they see the English are not angry with them.

And that they speake very well of his Excellency, saying that they know him to be in no fault, but that he was allways very kinde to them, and that it was the Men under him that continually abused them.

William Baston.

Then were read the severall Depositions of George Althea, William Blackson, Thomas Gallon, Terrence Douin, Margaret Lewis, Robert Robinson, William Slampson, and Francis (Marbury) relating to the pisscattaway and Mountaine Indians, yet not particularly affecting them with the Murder of the Negro.

The Hon^{ble} Colonel Charles Hutchins being desir'd to declare what he knew of the Nanticoke Indians on the Eastern Shore.

Thereupon he relates that they have made a new Empire, and that they entertaine and receive strange Indians, three Cannoes full of Indians from the Western Shore being mett some where about the Straights going over to them.

The Hon^{ble} Colonel John Counts is asked to give an account of what he knowes of the Indians in potomack.

Who says that on Wednesday last the Chaptico Indians came to his house and made Complaint ag^t Mr. Joshua Doyme of S. Marg^{ts} County