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the head of a thousand other Indians. I asked the fellows names; & they tould me, and that they lived by the Indian Towne, and desired me withall to make hast to Major Combes, for th' Sweatnam was gone to tell him the story. The next day I went to Combes's, where meeting his wife att the door, she imediately cryed out; O Lord! Coll: I was always glad to see you, but now am ten times gladder than ever I was; why? says I, why, says she there's a parcell of lying devills would persuade the people that you were att the Indian Towne last Saturday, butt that I tould 'em you were a Thursday att our house, they would all come to your house. My husband's gone to the Indian Towne to know the certainty. Well, sayes I, Ple stay till he comes back, and he sha'nt be hanged for your sake; nay gad, sayes she, if I knew this would have excused him, I had not spoke a word. I stay'd till they came back, and tould me that the fellows said they were tould so by an Indian, and the Indian being questioned said, he heard it from two of the Nanticoke Indians, and so itt was put of from one to t'other till itt was lost, and they all say now (being deceived so many times by these sham reports) that if I should really deal with the Indians against the Protestants (which God forbid I should be so wicked) they would never believe itt, yett those damned malitious stories was in a fair way to pull my house downe about my ears; and which has really turned your Lordship's Government out of the Province; for they doe not pretend to meddle with your Lordship's title to itt. Coll: Darnall and Major Sewall wont come so well off about their treaties with the Northern Indians, altho' there is as much truth in one as t'other.

Last Saturday Jack Llewelin came up to my house, and gives me this brief account of the Assembly The first thing they did (after they voted themselves a full house, tho' there were ten of the forty two absent, viz' Anarundell, Somersett, and two of Cecill, but Somersett came over the last day, and excused their delay, saying, they heard all things were done in your Lordship's name, but indeed they intended to own no other power but their Majesties which excuse was readily accepted of nemine contradicente. Little Jenkins was chief, whom your Lordship may remember, and I hope will. They fixed upon the State house Doore a prohibition that no Papist should come into the citty dureing the Assembly. The rest of the transactions your Lordship will see in the papers, which Jack Llewelin has promised to give to my man who's goeing down with him; Onely I must tell your Lordship that the Committee of Secrecy appointed for the discovery of Coll: Darnalls and Major Sewall's dealing with the Northern Indians is kept on foot still; It's composed of Blacstone, Jowles, Gil-