

Lib. R.

June the 1: 1680.

Maryland ss.

The Acco^t of Thomas Richardson and others concerning the late rencounter wth the Indians on the 19th May 1680: at the head of Gunpowder River (viz.)

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The said Thomas Richardson was satt in his house and his Brother Lawrence was within the Doore, and an Indian entred the house & endeav^red to pull his brother downe by the head, the said Thomas beholding wishly perceived it to be an Indian painted, at w^{ch} he tooke downe his Gunn and seeing more entring the house fired at the second, but his gunn not goeing of readily, the Indian spoke earnestly and runn in, and the third Indian approached the Doore as the gunn fired and was wounded and fell, the fourth came up, the first slipp'd his hold of Lawrence Richardson and with the fourth carried off the third, The second had Thomas Richardson by the haire and drew him to the Doore before he could gett cleare of him, when the Indians hold slipp'd he runn but had lett fall his gunn in the scuffle, w^{ch} the said Richardson tooke up and fired after him as he runn, his Brother Lawrence fired at the said Indian also, but could not pceive that he was wounded. John Bird who lived two miles off come heareing the gunns & carried a note towards Cap^t Watertons, in the meane time as is supposed the Indians came neare to John Birds and shott a Dogg in the legg with an arrow; the next Day being the 20th May Cap^t. Waterton with those men he had raised marched from James Dentons to John Birds and soe towards Thomas Richardsons, and meeteing Thomas Richardson and others in the woods lookeing after the Indians informed the said Cap^t that their neighbours Cattle were disturbed that morning whereupon they directed their march towards the ffrontire plantations neere w^{ch} they saw two Indians takeing up their packs, but when discovered fled and left their Packs, in w^{ch} was found tobaccos that was that Day taken out of a hhd at Thomas Richardsons, and the parts of a hogg killed the same Day; the next Day the 21th the Cap^t went with his men to the ffrontire Plantations, and finding all things well returned leaveing the people at their plantations where they have remained ever since without any molestations.

examined p me George Wells.

By vertue of an ord^r to Coll Wells to summon me before him, I appeared at his summons, he requireing an Acco^t of my raising men to goe after the Indians, I Doe declare that it was by vertue of an ord^r made formerly by a Councill of Officers wherein the s^d Coll was present that upon any Alarm we should raise men and goe to their Assistance w^{ch} the said