

Mason in yo^r Ex^{ncys} Governm^t the name of the person who Lib. H. D
Gave him an Acco^t of the Indians.

The hon^{rb}le Coll: John Addison & Cap^t Rich^d Brightwell are
to give Cap^t Mason an Acco^t from time to time of any thing
that please God shall happen in those parts concerning the
Indians, which they are to doe by Ord^r of

Yo^r Ex^{ncys} humble Serv^t

The Deposition of Cap^t Ebenazar Blackiston of Cœcill
County Aged fforty Seaven years or thereabouts.

This Depon^t Saith

Mr Blackis-
tons Deposi:
in relacōn
to Indians.

That being at Coll: ffitzhughs House in Stafford
County in his Ma^{ts} Colony of Virg^a on or about
the 8th of this Instant Iuly, he heard it Reported
th^t there were about Ten Indians at Cap^t Brents House which
had got in drink & were troublesome, insomuch th^t he
Comāded their Arms to be delivered him up; ffive whereof
Surrendered to him accordingly, but 3 more th^t had also
Arms, would not part with them but made their escape; That
the Next Day the s^d Indians march^t to a House about two
miles below the s^d Cap^t Brents where they assaulted &
wounded a mans wife & ffour Small Children in dangerous
manner.

That this Depon^t went himself from Coll ffitzhugh's to the
s^d House (being about Ten miles distance) for to know the
Certainty; where he see the Woman and discoursed her, who
inform'd him that as she was washing of butter at the Spring,
there Came two Indians up to her and she Striving to get
over a ffence to make her Escape, they knockt her down, but
was not sensible what they did to her afterwards. That when
she Came to her Self she felt her breast very Sore and her
Scalp all taken off except a little hair left on her forehead.
That he discoursed Doctor Tanckardson, who has her under
Care, who says th^t her right breast has been ript up by the
Indians with a knife insomuch th^t when he Came to dress it,
the wind puft out like a pair of Bellowes.

That the Womans eldest daughter lyes dangerously
wounded and is thought will not live. That the Neighbours p. 78
have got three of her other Children, which they Report are
also wounded, but not mortally.

And this Depon^t further says th^t it is Reported the s^d
Indians at the Same time carryed away with them from the
House a large pewter dish and some other Small things.

That the people of Virg^a doe believe these things will be
the forerunner of a Warr; but that they begun their business
to soon. That it is comōly discoursed among the Virg^{as}