

At a Councill mett and held at the Port of Annapolis &^{ca} Lib. H. D.
the 20th day of August 1697.

Present

His Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca}

S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^r Secry^r }
Coff: Henry Jowles }

Produced and Read a Letter brought by Express from M^r Edward Boothby of Baltemore County of yesterdays date concerning Severall Enormities and irregularities Committed by Indians in those parts—Ordered that an Answer to the Same be writt and to acquaint him that he give Notice to the parties that have made those Complaints or others that have any Complaints of that Nature to make, to be and Appear at Baltemore County Court the ffirst Tuesday of September next, hoping no mischief may happen betwixt and that time, where his Ex^{ncy} intends (God willing) then to meet them, Signifying that Ord^r is gone to the Militia Officers to keep P. 543
Some persons Scouting out among the ffrontier Plantacōns; as also to the Rangers to keep Ranging betwixt their ffort and the s^d ffrontier plantacōns and to Call in Some times to Inform themselves how matters are. And that he be reminded about the Ord^r sent to him concerning discouraging Govern^r Markham about the Delaware Indians to know what he has done therein.

Ordered that the ffield Officers of Baltemore County do (upon [sight] hereof) take Care to have their Severall Troops and Company's all ways in a Readiness in Case of Insurreciton of Indians and that they keep some of the Militia under their Comānd constantly Scouting out as ffarr as the ffrontier Plantacōns (until furth^r Order) to prevent any Mischief which may happen by Indians in those parts, Advice being this day Rēcd: of Some Insolencies by them lately Committed to Some of the Inhabitants thereabouts and it is hereby further Ordered that if in Case they meet with any Indians of insolent and Rude behavior or doing an unlawfull Act that they Seize and apprehend them and und^r Safe and Secure Conduct Send them to his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r at the Port of Annapolis to be dealt withall according to Law and that the s^d ffield Officers meet his Ex^{ncy} at Baltemore County Court House; the ffirst Tuesday of September next to Consult of Some things then and there to be done importing his Ma^{ty} and the Countreys Service.

Vpon Representation and Advice this day Rēcd concerning Some Insolencies lately Committed by Indians among the ffrontier Plantations in Baltemore County; Ordered that the