

Some papers or documents which may be further
 require to the matter before us I think it is
 pity such barbarous actions should be passed with
 admittance for to leave of the English men and
 pray the Advice in this matter of your grace for us
 Thus with my respects I rest yo^r most obedient
 servant

Wm. Hollingsworth

The Indians that have killed their neighbours and
 are now prisoners, are some of this kind, but have up in
 it I have advise yo^r that the Indians are bound
 to sell some of these English men that are bound in their
 hands to their families if not
 visited by some other means

Wm. H.

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Understood from M^r. Hollingsworth of the murder of four men
 belonging to this Province, by the hand of some Indians y^e night
 of the 15th of May, and further that upon his arrival yo^r had committed them
 to Guard, I send this Express to yo^r to be informed of the true
 state of the matter, It is not our Custom to pass up the injuries
 of Indians, nor to bury the blood of Christians in forgetfulness
 oblivion, Therefore we request yo^r to detain in the Indian Prison
 that I may deal with them according to our Justice in like cases
 I am now at Spotsylvania, and there shall remain till I have pro-
 vided for the safety of the people and the honor of our nation and
 then shall report an answer from yo^r to S^c

Yo^r Servant
 B. C.

Spotsylvania 15th May 1661

Superscribed

For the hono^r of Alexander Shingoes
 Governour of New Amster.

Right honorable

yo^r 15th May 1661
 was had so one that upon the advice of M^r. Hollingsworth yo^r
 are come to the Island of Mathanick where for to examine the
 notable murder done by the Saukikan Indians unto four English
 men; (It is that) for as much as hath appeared to us that there
 have been four persons out of the Province of Maryland, which
 after two dayes stay departed from home to their plantations at
 they said and by the way are met by the said Indians by whom
 they are murdered, And on Martha's or the river full with
 two Indians coming from the Mingoes Country, to one of them
 they did give a hatt and nothing else, to the other they gave