

Was produced and ordered to be read a Letter from M^r W^m Sturris to his Excellency with a Letter and severall other Papers inclosed from M^r Charles James of Cecil County concerning the arrival of some strange Indians to the head of the Bay and that had seated themselves upon the land of M^r Casparus Herman expecting more to come to them, which information the said James had given by his said Letter &c^o as follows (viz)

from Cecil County February the 15th 1692
May it please your Excellency

The supposed King of the Indians together with the French man who were this Summer rec^d by Coll^o Herman and now resident upon his Manor together with the Eightth Indian Indians which are to come in amongst us this Spring hath so alarmed the Inhabitants of this County upon suspicion of their being northern Indians that I thought it my duty to enquire into the matter with all the speed imaginable and in order there unto I sent for one Drury whom I was sensible had been in the late wars in New England whose Examination I have inclosed sent your Excellency, he further informs me of this French mans^p house at Coll^o Hermans hath an Indian to his Wife and that he was seen in a Coat lined with rich Fur this Winter M^r John Thom-son also informs me that he saw one of these Indians naked in a Bitter Cold day I am also informed that this French man owned himself to Coll^o Herman to be the Governor of Cannada's man, and since that did publicly declare that he had been a Captain in Can- nada and for some misdemeanor fled from Cannada, Coll^o Herman informs that he is a man of Excellent Parts, I am also informed that he speaks severall Languages, so that if your Excellency is pleased to sum these Evidences together (viz^t an Indian to his Wife clothed this Winter in rich Fur, one of their Indians naked in Winter, the French mans contradictory Relation of himself a man of Excellent Parts & speaks severall Languages which make up a Harmony corresponding with the inclosed oath, so that they are Vehemently suspected to be northern Indians and this very