

Answer which is that severall Copies of the very same Virg^a paper had been transmitted to us before yours from severall hands and were all then yesterday received at St Iohns except one brought hither the last night.

The first came by Express from Coll Jowles to which we immediately answered and at the same time delivered a sufficient supply of armes powder and ball to be sent to Coll Jowles under the care of Coll Digges who went himself in person which armes and ammunicōn wee doubt not were early this morning safely delivered to the said Coll Jowles to whome wee gave orders in case he found any Indian or other Enemies in armes or in any other hostile or unusuall posture to use his utmost endeavours to suppress them with assurance that this Governmt will not onely supply him with further and sufficient supplies of Armes from time to time if occasion should require but also did signify the unanimous Resolution of the Gentlemen of the Council to stand by the people of this province with their lives and fortunes to defend perserve and maintaine their peace and liberties against all enemies whatsoever and in order hereunto Coll Darnall is gone himselfe in person to Coll Jowles to testifie his Innocency from that base and scandalous aspersion cast upon him by acting joyntly with the people against any enemy whatsoever And wee have also further desired Coll Jowles in case noe such thing as any Indian or other Enemie be, not to provoke or force a peaceable people to make a warr upon us whereby to plunge ourselves in blood and Ruine without reason or cause But what wee have most reason to feare is that this noise is occasioned by ill minded men of desperate fortunes whose designes may be first to fright and confuse and then to pillage and plunder the people which God of his mercy divert As for your part M^r Doyne wee noe wayes doubt of your fidelity and zeal for the preservation of the peace and welfare of this province which is earnestly recommended to you and to all others by S^r

Y^r assured loving friends

W. J.
N. S.
C. H.

Dated at Mattapany Sewall
the 25th March 1689.

March 15. 1688.

Here being some discourse that was talked by the Indians Therefore it was ordered by the Commision of Stafford Court That M^r Burr Harris of this County should come to the house of John West to Examine them and the Indians doth declare that the great men of Maryland hath hired the Seneca Indians to kill the protestants namcing Coll Darnall Coll Pyc, and M^r Boarman and further did sweare God Dam M^r Boarman for