

Annapolis 28 June 1742 1.1b. C. B.

Sir

I am commanded by the Governor and Council to give you Directions to make the most exact Enquiry into the real Designs of the Indians, which you cannot but have a good Opportunity of doing by the cross Examination of Panquash and the other Indians in your Hands, and if you find there is a just Cause of Suspicion of their having entered into a Conspiracy to do Mischief you are immediately to order Panquash, and the Other Chiefs over here with a good Guard

At the same time you are to summon the Others in the Fort or Swamp to deliver up all their Arms, and that unless they do so you will attack them with all your Force as declared Enemies and shew them no Mercy, if they are innocent you may assure them that they shall be treated with all the favour and Friendship possible, the Government having no Intention to hunt them, but only to take Care of the Peace and Safety of the Province

In Case their Guilt should make them fearful of submitting themselves, and put them upon standing upon their Defence, it will certainly be for the General Safety to attack them as speedily as possible, but as this will be carrying things to Extremity, it will not be proper to go such a Length unless it shall appear to be absolutely necessary, and therefore the best manner can be only judged of by Gentlemen upon the Spot, which is left to your Discretion, only It is recommended to you to keep a good Eye upon all the Outletts from the Swamp that None of them make their Escape to the Northward to acquaint the Northern Indians with their Situation, and in Case you shall have any certain Intimation of any making their Escape, that you send People to pursue them with all possible speed, and direct those you send to acquaint the Magistrates or other Officers in Newcastle County, in case the Fugitives can't be taken within the Limits of this Government, and if any strange Indians should come among Our own Indians, such strange Indians ought by all Means to be secured

I am Sir &c. John Ross

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Saturday the tenth day of Iuly in the twenty Eighth year of his Lordps Dominion Annoq Domini 1742.

Present

His Excelleney Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor

The hon ^{ble}	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq ^r	}	Col Charles Hammond
		Philip Lee Esq ^r		Col James Harris
		George Plater Esq ^r		Philip Thomas Esq ^r
		Col James Hollyday		