

in such Errors do: by the first day of August next, Officers and Clerks
 their Deeds with the Hon. the Secy or Mr. John Howellin Clerk of
 the upper house of Assembly to the End the D. findault in the said Error
 may take copie thereof and file them for all places by Law: by the
 tenth Day of the same August, so: as both parties may be duly
 prepared to consider of their causes and be ready to receive judgment
 of the upper house touching the same at such pre-emptory Day as the said
 upper house shall appoint to hear the said Cause, that no publick business
 may in no wise be hindered or delayed. Of which the Attorneys of the
 Provinciaall Courts and all persons concerned therein are to take
 notice at their own will

order passed June 30. 1681.

Signed for

[Signature]

To the Sheriff of St. Maries County
 or his Deputy to be proclaimed in
 the most publick and convenient
 places of the said County

From to every County through the Province.

A Council held at the City of St. Maries the first Day of July
 Anno Domini 1681. Thomas Digges Esq. Clerk

The R. Hon. the Lord Prop.
 Philip Calvert Esq. President
 William Calvert Esq. Secy

At which time was produced by the Esq. and read to the board the Letter
 from Cap. Prand vs

May it please your Excellency

Your Excellency Letter relating to the Troopers have communicated to
 them, and they seem to be very well satisfied therewith, I have little to
 offer your Excellency: but the inclosed paper is being a red Draught of what
 I have read from an Indian formerly taken by the Quiaquos and now come
 from them. Friday last I had some intelligence of the foreign Indians in y^e
 upper parts of our County from by the Inhabitants there, I have ranged ever
 since but cannot have the sight of them being now come in for a present
 I intend (God willing) to be out againe and if I can meet with them shall use
 my utmost to follow your Excellency's Commands, Our County affords an Indyp^t
 that speaks Iugurabamoh One Peter Kellio that hath been some time
 with the said Indians if your Excellency approves if it shall make use of him
 if occasion offers, Our Neighbouring Indians would very faine go out with
 us to the number of some for that they say we shall hardly find them
 unless by a chance, the which I leave to your Excellency's consideration, I very
 much want eight or ten Carabees for my Troops, if I can be spared
 shall send for them, One of them the Post hath promised to bring.

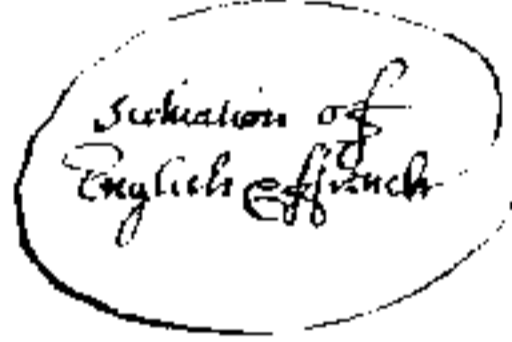
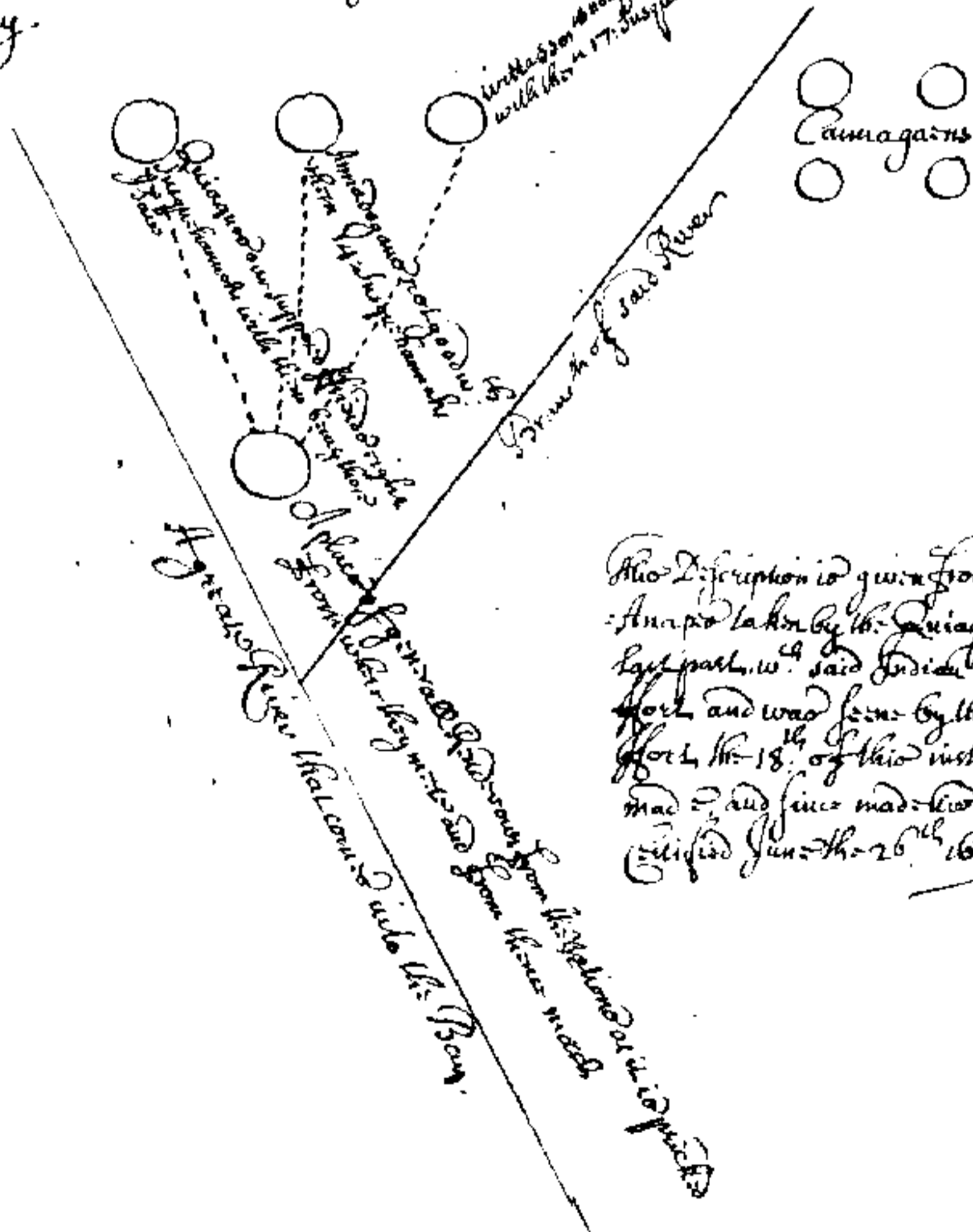
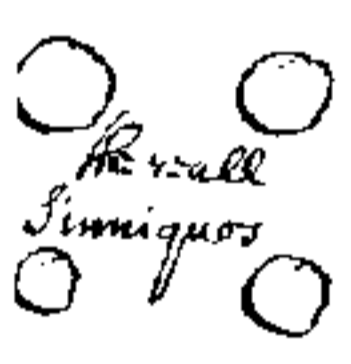
Yours

Since the treat with the abovesaid Indians and the Zachariah, One of their
 great men killed by a Scotch, I am just now returned from Zachariah fort
 but cannot discover any more signs of Indians. I shall not omit any
 opportunity to treat with them and give your Excellency a full acc: therof
 there are some persons of our County that possess the my Officers their
 Commissions are not in force they being signed by the late Lieutenant
 Governor Mr. Nolles during his pleasure, I humbly request your
 Excellency to send others by the return of the next post, viz: One for my
 self if with your Excellency good liking, one for my Lieutenant George
 Jeffrey, one for Robert Middleton Coroner Mr. Hawkins having
 solicited to be out his wife being lately dead, and One for a
 Quarter Master to be left blank for whom I shall see most deserving
 if approved by your Excellency. I have nothing worth your Excellency view
 but the honor of My best endeavors. Subscrib: always
 from Cold Chappel house
 Jan: the 30. 1681.

Your Excellency Faithfull Servant
 Rand: Brandt

May it please your Excellency:

I would request your Excellency to afford me your further Instructions if
 in case I cannot bring the fore-said Indians to any reasonable compliance
 my hands are tyed up I shall be loth to sacrifice so many good men
 and not to do something for the honor of your Excellency and good of this
 Province, which would be an instrument to create a war with so potent
 an Enemy.



This Description is given from an Indian called Jack:
 Anapa taken by the Piquagos the first day of Jan:
 last past. w^{ch} said Indian did belong to y^e Mattawona
 fort and was taken by the subscribers at y^e Zachariah
 fort the 18. of this instant when the peace was
 made and since made the Escape as he saith
 testified Jun: the 26. 1681.

Rand: Brandt.

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This issued by ord. of the Say and Councils the following Instructions
= lions to Capt. Braud etc

Instructions for Capt. Randolph Braud Directing & Execution
of his Commission to treat with the Northern Indians that make
inroads in this Province.

Since we have certain Intelligence that there hath been some Suspiciously
and some of Simiquoc dispatched from this great party down to Lottomock
with a Prisoner for their guide to try what Indians they can surpris,
and since we have certain Intelligence that where the Saggahamoch with
either Indian or English they give no Quarter It is too apparent
that the Northern Indians are going to treat with Capt. Braud at
the Zacheiah fort is out of design to watch an opportunity to do
what mischief they can so prevent this for (if possible) more murder
of his Majesty's Subjects You are

1. First to Demand some Pasattoway Indians for your guide
that for you may employ them as your Scout to find out the Northern
Indians in order to treat with them
2. You are to fear the Indians from all violence other than what
may be offered them as they are single when out upon discovery
3. If the Foreign Indians assault you, you are to defend yourself
after the best manner you can, and if overpowered to make do honor
a Retreat as you may the number of the Enemy considered
4. If you come to treat with the said Indians, you are to make no peace
with them but what shall equally include us and the Zacheiah or Pasattoway
Indians, the Mattawomanos, Hoplico and all other Indians Inhabiting
within this Province in peace with us and under our protection
5. In case you meet with the Northern Indians, and that they refuse to
treat or do not upon treaty conclude a peace with you. You are to
let them know that we have had several murders committed of late, that
we do know that was some Saggahamochs and some Simiquoc sent
down to Lottomock with a Pasattoway prisoner for their guide with order
to go to the Mouth of Lottomock and for to go up to the Northward
which Number of men have been discovered in several places, that
we shall have just cause to believe that these men have committed the
late murders unless they come to a new peace with us, and upon this last
reference to forbid them coming near the English Plantations.
6. In case you find any Indian inclinable to make a peace you may
(according to your former instructions) make them a present of a peace of
Matchcoat.
7. You are to use your utmost skill to instruct your men to fight on
Foot like Dragoons though they use bows and pistols as well as Carabines
as they March, it being the best way to fight an Indian.

Done the first Day of July Anno Domini one thousand six hundred eighty one
Signed by ord. of the Say and Councils
R. [Signature] Secy

Then also issued Commissions to Capt. Randolph Braud for Capt. of a troop of horse, George Godfrey and Lieutenant, Robert Middleton his Quarter Master, and a blank for his Quarter Master to be filled up by himself under his sign hand and seal at Shrewsbury according to the common form, and also a particular Commission to the said Capt. Braud upon this occasion being as followeth

Maryland

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore etc. To Captain Randolph Braud of Charles County greeting

C.B. value

Whereas great troops of the Northern Indians have and do daily make incursions and incursions into this our Province to the great terror and confusion of the Inhabitants thereof, and highly to be suspected upon no good Design, we having already had some murders lately committed by strange Indians upon several good people of this Province We Do therefore by and with the advice and consent of our Council hereby Authorise and empower as also strictly charge and Command you Capt. Randolph Braud commander of a troop of horse in our said County to Range with your troop or such and so many men thereof well mounted and armed as you shall from time to time think necessary for the Discovery of the said Indians with whom you are to endeavour by all fair ways and means possible to come to a treaty according to the Instructions from Us and our Council this Day to you Directed, And in case you or any of your Troops shall be assaulted by any the said Indians or other Enemies, or that they by any way or means offer to break peace, by open violence or privately contriving and conspiring to fall upon or betray you or any of you or any English Plantation or People You are to the best of your skill knowledge and endeavour and to the utmost of your might and power to fall upon, pursue, fight, kill, kill, vanquish and Destroy all such Enemies, or otherwise if you shall be at any time overpowered, you are to contrive and make what you shall think possible you come with your Company for such further aid and assistance as shall be deemed necessary for your recovery with regard had to the number and power of your Enemy according to the words of your said Instructions, For all which this shall be your sufficient power Given under our hand and Seal at Shrewsbury the first Day of July in the sixth year of our Dominion etc Annoq Domini 1681.

W. Longmire Instructions and Commissions were enclosed in the Gold Letter to Capt. Braud etc
Capt. Braud

Yours of yesternight I have read and have Communicated to my Council the contents thereof, as touching your Design to entertain Peter Ahlstedt is approved of and he may at any time be joined with any other