

By the Lieuten^t &c of Maryland.

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These are in the Names of the Keepers of the Libertyes of England, By Authority of Parliam^t to Authorise and require master Richard Prestone one of the Councell and Commander on the North Side of Putuxent River to make and appoint what person or persons officer or officers you Shall think fitting, and to give his Warrant or Warrants to them for Leavying and raising one able man out of Every Seven inhabiting upon Putuxent River, both on the North and South Side thereof as also unto the Bay Side from the Mouth of the Said River as farr as the Herring Creeke, with Victualls, Armes, Amunition and Provision and to be found and provided by and according to An Order of the Provinciall Court of the five and twentieth of November last, and to meet at Mattapania upon the Said Putuxent River neare the plantation late of Thomas Warr there the twentieth day of this present Month of December with Each of them one Gunn well fixed & one pound and a half of powder and Six pounds of Shott and Victualls for 30 days & Armes, amunition and other provision according to the Said order, and to be from thence transported for the Service in the Said order Expressed under the Command of Cap^t William fuller their Cap^t Generall or Commander in Chiefe. And the Said persons or officers Soe by you the Said master Preston to be Appointed for the Execucōn of the premisses are diligently and Carefully to perform and Execute the Same as they will answer the Contrary, at their perill Given at S^t Maries the 2 day of December 1652

Willm Stone

To the Hōnble the Governour of Mayland

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Ho^{ble} Sir

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Yo^{rs} I did receive the Sixth Instant, in which you were pleased to Honour me with the Command under yo^r Self of a Considerable party to march against the Easterne Shore Indians, which may be of Good use, if wisely manag'd But Sir I find the Inhabitants of these parts wholly disaffected, not to the thing, but to the time of the yeare It being in all likelyhood (as they conceive) dangerous for their health, first in regard the want of Necessaries, as alsoe want of Vessells fitt to transport them, and next, that it is possible they may be frozen into the Rivers, and Soe expose themselves to more dangers through cold and want of Necessary provisions, then by the Enemies And one thing more which doth most take with me, The Indians on the West Side had notice of it before your Commission came to my hands, as I am credibly informed, to prevent which a longer time were to be desired, as alsoe that