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Order of the Councill of State  
Thursday the 31<sup>th</sup> of July 1656.

On consideration of a report from the Committee of the Councill, to whom the humble petition of Richard Bennet, and Samuel Mathews Esq<sup>re</sup> Agents for Virginia, and the rest of the plantations in the bay of Chesapiake, was referred; and in concurrence therewith Ordered that the said petition together with the humble representation of the Governor, Councill and burgesses of the Grand assembly in Virginia thereunto annexed, as also a report from the Lord Comm<sup>r</sup> Whitlock, and the Lord Com<sup>r</sup> Widrington, made to the Councill, in pursuance of his Highness reference to them, upon the humble petition of Cecilius Lord Baltemore, and the severall papers thereunto annexed, be referred to the Committee for Trade, who are to consider thereof, and to informe themselves of the State of the Case, upon the premisses, and thereupon to certify the same, with their opinion, to his Highness, and the Counsell.

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The 23<sup>d</sup> of March 1656

Whereas the Militia of this Province by reason of the Death and absence of Some of those into whose hands it was Committed Especially in the County of Putuxent, is not attended to whereby the Inhabitants is left to the Incursion of the Indians and others that may Seeke the disturbance of the peace and Safety of this Province, It is therefore ordered for the further Settlement thereof, that the Inhabitants may be the more Secured thereby, Commissions be Granted to Such as may be Chosen to be Captaines in Severall respective Limitts as need Shall require, And for the present that m<sup>r</sup> Woodman Stockley be Impowered by Commission to be Captaine over and Execise all the Inhabitants, and to See that they have and keep their Armes fixt, and in readiness from m<sup>rs</sup> Brookes Plantacōn on both Sides the River of Putuxent and upwards, and Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Henry Keen, be Impowered by Commission to be Cap<sup>t</sup> over, and to Execise, all the Inhabitants from the Plantations of the aforesaid m<sup>rs</sup> Brookes, downwards on both Side the River and Creekes to the mouth of the River, Including the plantation of m<sup>rs</sup> Eltonheads on the one Side downward, and upward as high as the plantation of Henry Cox And m<sup>r</sup> Phillip Morgan to be Impowered by Commission to be Cap<sup>t</sup> over and to Exercise all the Inhabitants upon the Bay Side from the Plantation of the Said Henry Cox upwards to the highest Extent of the County of Putuxent

Present	{	Cap <sup>t</sup> William fuller,	M <sup>r</sup> Michael Brookes
		m <sup>r</sup> Richard Preston,	M <sup>r</sup> William Parker
		m <sup>r</sup> Edward Lloyd,	M <sup>r</sup> William Parratt
		m <sup>r</sup> Tho: Meeres,	