

Copy of a Commission granted by my Governor & Councell
to Henry Coursey Esq^{re} for making Peace wth the Indians.

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30th Apr: 1677.

Thomas Notley Esq^{re} Lieutenant and Chief Governor of the Province of Maryland and the R^t Hon^{ble} Charles Absolut Lord & Prop^r of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore etc: To all to whom these p^rsents shall come or any wise appertaine, Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting. Whereas the Susquesahannoys, Cinnigos and divers other Nations of Indians Inhabiting to the Northward of this Province, have formerly Committ^d divers murd^{rs} and other outrages within this Province upon w^{ch} there hath ensued a warr between his Ma^{tie}'s Subjects residing within this Province and the Government of his said Lordshipp as well as with those residing under the Government of his Sacred Ma^{tie}'s Collony of Virginia and the s^d Susquesahannoys, and whereas the said Susquesahannoys have sithence and lately desired to come to a Treaty of Peace with his s^d Lordshipp, and have (as I am informed since the said overture, submitted themselves to and putt themselves under the protection of the Cinnigos or some other nations of Indians resideing to the Northward of this Province, and within or neere unto the Territory of his Royall Highness the Duke of Yorke. Know yee that I have constituted, ordained, appointed, and authorized, as I doe hereby constitute ordaine appoint & authorize Henry Coursey Esq^{re} one of his Lordshipp's Councell for this Province as Ambassador or Envoy to treat with and Conclude a firm peace with the said Susquesahannoys, Cinnigos or any other Indians now unknowne to us inhabiting or residing to the Northward of us within or without the Territory of his s^d Royall Highness, and from whom we have already received injury or may hereafter reasonably suspect we may receive injury by the Confederacy between them and the said Susquesahannoys upon such reasonable Tearmes as to him shall seeme meete and Convenient according to his instructions, And forasmuch as the said Indians do now reside for the most part within the Territory of his said Roy^{ll} Highness, or at least cann so be treated with, but by a Journey to be had through his said Roy^{ll} Highness's Territory, I doe here-