

Lettr to Coll.  
Stevens from  
Councill about  
his treaty  
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The following letter was together with the afore-  
goeing Instructions sent to Coll: Stevens from the  
Deputyes Lieut<sup>r</sup> viz<sup>t</sup>

Liber B.  
P. R. O.

Coll. Stevens.

Sir,

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The letter lately sent you by Coll. Darnall and M<sup>r</sup> Hill touching the Indians will inform you what apprehensions we have of their ill designes against the English which letter and precept therewith sent wee approve of and now being sufficient of the Deputyes met to sitt in Councill have taken the same into consideration and beleeve it necessary and that his Lords<sup>ps</sup> and the Countreyes service require that some able person be employed to the Indians to propose the renewment of the Peace made with their old Emp<sup>r</sup> Unnacocassinon and to discover how they stand affected towards us and haveing had large and long experience of your provident management and circumspection in affaires of this nature think none more capable and fitt to undertake this business then yourself Wee think it convenient some one or more of your County be joyned with you herein but such persons we leave wholly to yourself to choose as by our inclosed Instructions you may perceive you may which Instructions we desire you with all expedition to pursue and as often as occasion shall require you dispatch messeng<sup>rs</sup> to us to give us a continuall account of your management of this affair and your Proceedings herein as likewise we desire you if you apprehend any likelihood of a warr, that you with all speed account the Gentlemen of the neighbour Countyes there with, as alsoe if on the contrary you apprehend noe danger there of you give them the satisfaction of notice, Wee have information that the late Emp<sup>r</sup> by some that wish not well to the English was poisoned and that the present Emp<sup>r</sup> is little better than an Usurper which whether it be convenient to mention anything thereof to them we wholly leave to your prudence supposeing you know better how matters stand with them then wee can doe at this distance, therefore have omitted the same in our said instructions, If the Emp<sup>r</sup> and his Indians will come over hither (which we are very desirous of if you can persuade them) wee desire you to give us speedy notice thereof to make provisions accordingly and that by all meanes you afford us your company and assistance here at same time Wee desire you upon all the aforesaid occasions or any other you think may require it to press Boat and hands if by water and horse if by land and not wait other oportunities soe wee comēd ourselves most heartily to you and rest

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Your Lo: Friends  
Henry Darnall  
W<sup>m</sup> Digges  
Nicholas Sewall

S<sup>t</sup> Maryes  
July 22<sup>d</sup> 1687