

a friendly & amicable manner to Come and treat according to the Tenor of the said Commission then you are to use your utmost endeav<sup>rs</sup> by way of Stratagem or otherwise to surprize and take the said Frenchman by himself & secure him by such ways and means as you and the said Coll Herman in your discretions shall think most safe and proper for that end and Purpose to be Conveyed brought down with all speed to the City of S<sup>t</sup> Marys as aforesaid Liber K.

5 But if after all you shall find that you Cannot Prevail with the said Frenchman to come by fair means nor Suprize & take him by Stratagem as aforesaid then & no otherwise you are to Produce to the said Herman that other Commission from me to him directed & herewith delivered you Impowering and Commanding him by Force of Arms to apprehend Seize and take the said French Man and to oppose fight vanquish persue kill and destroy all such as shall oppose him therein, or thereupon offer any Violence injury or Damage to any the Inhabitants of this Province

6 In all which Cases you are also to discourse consult and advise with M<sup>r</sup> William Harris M<sup>r</sup> Charles James & such other of the Gentlemen in Commission there as you shall think fitt & Inform your self the best you can of the true Nature Quality & Nation of those Indians their Pretence & just Occasion of Coming there together also with the manner of their Behaviour since their arrivall & what injuries (if any) they have done & what proofs can be made thereof which you are to Provide your self with and bring down with you to make good the same against them particularly one Robert Drury whose Deposition hath appeared this day before the Councill Board together with what other Evidences testimonies and proofs may be procured therein also to Perswade or Press and bring p. 145 with you Captain Iacob Young of Cecil County the antient Interpreter formerly & generally employed by the Government of this Province in such Cases of treating with Foreign Indians

To Enquire also for one Thompson who hath made Affidavit in relation to the Premises, and if to be had to Call him before you and if any thing you find from his Examination material to bind him to Come down with you

Given under my hand and Seal this Ninth day of March Anno Dom 1692 In the fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady King William and Queen Mary &c<sup>a</sup>

L: Copley