

Liber K. the sight of those Indians in their Cabins at the Head of the Bay did Certainly there see this Casteenes Wife among them and severall other Indians which he knew to be of that Gang, This with the ill News lately rec'd from Pensilvania of the Mohoakes our Friends being lately Routed & put to Flight by the Cannida Indians and French with their designs to attempt upon Albany and make inroad upon these parts about this time seems to Portend ill Consequence and hath put me upon a Necessity of Consulting the Council what measures to take to prev^t the Impending Dangers threatning us what at present they have Concluded on is the endeavouring by fair means to perswade & Invite this Frenchman with some of the great men of those Indians to Come and disclose themselves and their designs of Coming among us, and if Friends they appear to Enter into a League of Peace and Amity, with us and all their Majestys Subjects in these Parts of America but

p. 161 if they shall Refuse to Come or being Come it shall appear that the Frenchman is this Mon^r Casteene or those Indians Friends to Cannida or otherwise our Enemies then to seize and take by Force the said Frenchman and to have our Forces in those Parts in a Readiness at an hours warning to oppose all hostile attempts from those or any other Indians and to pursue them if Occasion we have also appointed the erecting of Three forts along the Frontiers of the Province in the most Convenient places and at such equal distances as may be most proper for discovery and daily communication with each other to be manned with Part Indians and part English to keep continually ranging between one another this is all at Present thought necessary to be done in this Emergency, of any thing further of moment should happen shall not omit advising if any thing if import present from your Government please to Communicate the same to

Your Ex^{cllcys} most humble Servant

To his Ex^{clcy} S^r Edm^d Andros
Kn^t & Bar^t Capt Gen^l & Gov^r
in Chief in & over their Maj^{stys}
Collony of Virginia

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Psent

Memd this following petition of Rich^d Tulls was yesterday preferred and read to the Board but being mislaid was omitted & now here entred viz^t

To his Excellency the Cap^t Gen^l & the honble Council
The Petition of Rich^d Tull of Somerset County
In humble manner sheweth
That your Petitioner an Assignee of John Browning the