

Coll. Henry Jowles.

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Sr Yours of this day wee received at St Johns and the premisses were considered whereupon wee have this day ordered that the Armes if fixed be forthwith returned and if they are not fixed to send others that are in order Together with powder and ball sufficient and have also ordered that further supplies be sent from time to time as there shall be occasion, And that the said Armes and Amunicōn be delivered to you to be disposed of as you shall think fit For that wee can have no man in whome wee would confide more or sooner then in yourselfe whose fidelity to this Government has soe often been experienc'd and accordingly wee desire yo' prudent aide in these Junctures of affaires It being our Advice and desire That all heat may be layd aside and that true discretion may take place Fearing should by our owne rashness Involve ourselves in warr and trouble which God divert wherefore without making any noise wee are of opinion That it will be prudently done if you or some others of the good neighbourhood whome you shall appoynt do goe to the head of the River to discover the posture of the Indians whereby to satisfy yourselves of the truth of the matter and finding of them peaceable and in noe hostile or unusual posture wee are of opinion that it will be prudent to preserve the peace which by God's blessing p. 208 wee soe long have happily Enjoyed But if the Contrary appeare and that those heathen people or any others are found in open Armes against the English wee hereby order you by vertue of the Comission you already beare under the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord prop<sup>ty</sup> forthwith to use you utmost endeavours to suppress them and their Adherents and imediately advise us thereof For that wee doe thereby solemnly protest and unanimously declare by all that is sacred in heaven or on Earth wee will stand by you and by all the English and good people of and within this province with our lives and fortunes and upon all occasions shall freely expose our persons and Estates to preserve protect and defend all and every the Inhabitants thereof without Exception from any Enemies whatsoever that shall offer to disturb the peace and quiet of the people of this province Given under our hands at St Johns the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1688.

Ordered by the board that the hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll Henry Darnall forthwith goe to Coll Jowles house to Inspect the premises and how the same stands And to Act and doe against Indian enemies or others as occasion shall require or he in his discretion shall think fit