

tell the Indians that they must make haste and kill the protes-  
tants before the shippes come in To appease therefore those  
differences that these Reports may raise wee doe declare that  
wee went in Company with Coll Pye to Zachiah fort to the  
intent to search the original of these reports and the Emperor  
having thereupon called his greate men together the Em-  
perour and the great men did in the hearing of us declare  
that Coll Darnall Coll Pye and Maj<sup>r</sup> Boareman had never any  
Conference with the Indians of or concerning the discourse  
aforementioned And that the Emperour and the greate men  
should say that the Indian named Wawoostough that is  
reported should speak these words to M<sup>r</sup> Burr Harris is a  
runaway from them and an Idle person In Testimony  
whereof wee have hereunto set our hands the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March  
An Dni. 1689

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John Hawkins

George Plater  
James Ellis

Portobacco March the 27<sup>th</sup> 1689.

Whereas severall reports hath of late beene raised by some  
persons against the quiet and peaceable Governmt of this  
province and especially against the hon<sup>ble</sup> Edward Pye that the  
said Coll Edward Pye should absent himselfe from his house  
for these three weekes last past in order to procure Indians to  
molest and trouble the good people of this province and that  
the said Coll Edward Pye should for that end and intent send  
away the County Armes. To appease therefore these jealousies  
amongst us and to prevent such disturbances as these reports  
may raise wee whose names are hereunto subscribed doe  
declare that by our certain knowledge the said Coll Edward  
Pye hath not for these three weekes last past absented himself  
for above three dayes in the said time afore mentioned from  
his house at portobacco and that for that time some of us who  
are subscribers were present with the said Coll Edward Pye  
(his affaires causing his absence from his owne house) And  
that yesterday he was and this day is actually present here  
And that the County Armes delivered to him are now at his  
house In witnes whereof wee have hereunto set our hands  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March afore mentioned

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