

desertion in your partes Then you are imediatly to dispatch away the intelligence thereof to me with all expedicōn Otherwise if you finde that only some party of them have comitted this murder, you are then to demand satisfaction for the same And that the authors thereof may be delivered upp to you An exact account whereof as also of the true state of affaires there you are from tyme to tyme to render to me or to me & his Lord^{pps} Councell in convenient tyme And whereas itt so happens that I am somewhat remote from your parts so that sometymes imediate orders & instruccōns from my selfe may not come tyme enough to yo^r hands You are hereby ordered willed & required to follow & observe all such further orders & instruccōns as you shall receive from either my selfe & his Lord^{pps} Councell or from his Lord^{ps} Councell only in the pursuance of yo^r Comission Given under my hand & Seale this Seventeenth day of ffebruary in the third yeare of the Dominion of the right Hon^{ble} Charles &c over this Province Annoq Dom. one thousand six hundred seventy seven.

Lib. R. R.

Gentleman

By the inclosed from the Governour you are fully instructed how to demeane your selves in this affaire of the murder of Williams & his ffamily, & the provideing for your further securityes: We have only this to add in explanacōn of the order in that clause which impowers you to demand the murderers, you are to understand that you must first make a diligent & due Enquiry who are the murderers & how strong their party is ere you demand them, & not upon slight presumptions to hazard a denyall when perhaps you may not demand the partyes that perpetrated the murder To the rest of the order there is little of explanacōn needfull, but in case you Col Coleborne M^r Walker & M^r Stevens cannot meet together, that the first of them that shall receive these doe imediatly (or att least with all speed that an affaire of this importance will permitt certifie us according to the order from the Governo^r of the true state & condition of yo^r County & the affaires thereof, certainly in this affaire being absolutely necessary to ground our future resolutions The Court will probably hold till Thursday or Friday night, wherefore we should be glad to heare from you while the Councell is together that if need be we may effectually assist you. So wee comitt you to Gods protection, & rest

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Yo^r assured friends
Philip Calvert
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