

Whereupon the Governo<sup>r</sup> issued forth the foll: Ord<sup>r</sup> viz. Lib. R.

By the Lievetenant Gen<sup>l</sup>

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Whereas I have (by and with the Advice & consent of his L<sup>spps</sup> Councill for Divers weighty and urgent occasions relating to the State and Wellfare of this Province) ordeined & appointed the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this Province to be held at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries on the Twentieth Day of this Instant October, the sitting whereof may require some considerable time, Dureing w<sup>ch</sup> time not onely the Delegates and their Attendants but other Persons haveing a Business at the said Assembly, will be absent from their severall and respective Counties, whereby the same may be much weakened; Which the Indians (ready to embrace and watching all Oportunities to Doe mischief) well und<sup>r</sup>standing may probably take advantage off and endeavo<sup>r</sup> to assault the Inhabitants of this Province in and about the ffrontire and Outermost Plantations.

Wherefore I Doe hereby will and Require as also strictly charge and Command you Coll: George Wells forthwith upon Receipt hereof to give notice to all and singular the Inhabitants of the ffrontire plantations within yo<sup>r</sup> precincts, & others obnoxious and lyable to the assault of the Indians, that they stand upon their guard, useing all waies and meanes possible for their Defence and Security from any attempts of the Indians against them Dureing the Sitting of the s<sup>d</sup> Assembly, And that upon the first Discovery of any Indian Enemy they make an Alarme by ffireing off three Gunns distinctly one after another according to former ord<sup>rs</sup> and that every house within heareing thereof answer the same by ffireing off One Gunn, and that upon such notice given all p<sup>rs</sup>ons Doe repaire with their Armes & Ammunition to the place from whence the first three Gunns were fired to assist them (if need be) or to such other Place or places as you or the other next Officer then in place shall think fitt for the bett<sup>r</sup> Discovery of the Enemy, and further you are willed and Required to continue the Rangeing of such fforges und<sup>r</sup> your Command as already are and hitherto have been employed in the said Service giving them strict and positive ord<sup>rs</sup> to range onely too and fro among the plantations, and not to make any greate excursions except upon the Discovery and in the pursuite of an Enemy or the like emergent occasion And if any thing of moment shall happen within or neere your p<sup>r</sup>incts Dureing the sitting of the said Assembly you are then from time to time and as Oft as occasion shall Require to Signify the same with all Expedition possible to myself and his L<sup>spps</sup> Councill