

therefore I thought fitt to acquaint your L<sup>spp</sup> of it soe soone as Lib. R.  
possibly I could. In their engagem<sup>t</sup> I und<sup>r</sup>stood p the Indian  
that they severall times discoursed with each other, and that  
they lye scattered about and kill severall horses for their pro-  
vision, if your L<sup>spp</sup> thinks fitt, it were needfull that some pson  
in our County might have power to press both horse and men  
when such occasions p<sup>r</sup>sent to give y<sup>r</sup> L<sup>spp</sup> speedy notice, not  
else but I Remaine

Yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>spps</sup>: obedient Serv<sup>t</sup> at Comand.

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1680:

W<sup>m</sup> Chandler

W<sup>ch</sup> said Letter was by his L<sup>spp</sup>: communicated to some of his  
Councill (to say) the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chancelo<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup>  
Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>, L<sup>t</sup> Coll. Thomas Taylor, Vincent Lowe p. 108  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> & George Talbott Esq<sup>r</sup> Councello<sup>r</sup> whose  
opinion being asked therein they doe advise and it is con-  
cluded that his L<sup>spps</sup> ord<sup>s</sup> be directed to Capt. Randolph  
Brandt of Charles County commanding him with one Squad-  
ron of his troope consisting of 20 men (whom he shall think  
fitt) forthwith to march to the Pascattoway ffort there fully to  
informe himself of the truth of the said Report, and that for  
his better Information therein John Stone of the same  
County gentl be commanded to accompany the said Brandt  
to the said ffort and to afford him all necessary aid and assist-  
ance as an Interpreter between him & the s<sup>d</sup> Indians, and that  
both the said Brandt & John Stone render an exact of their  
pceedings unto his L<sup>spp</sup> by Monday next the Seaventeenth  
instant at furthest, in ord<sup>r</sup> whereunto the said Brandt to be  
fully authorised and empowred to press man and Horse in  
any part of the said County for conveyance of the same to  
his L<sup>spp</sup>: and at all other times hereafter upon the like occa-  
sion when soever it may happen, concerning the premisses.  
His L<sup>spps</sup> Commiss<sup>o</sup>. was accordingly directed to Capt. Ran-  
dolph Brandt in the words foll. viz.

Maryland ss.

Charles Absolute Lord and Prop<sup>ry</sup> of the Province of  
Mary<sup>l</sup>d and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c<sup>a</sup> To Capt.  
Randolph Brandt of Charles County greeteing. Whereas  
wee are credibly Informed and given to und<sup>r</sup>stand that a con-  
siderable party of strange Indians to the number of about  
three hundred are lately come downe and enforted them-  
selves neere to the Pascattoway ffort in your s<sup>d</sup> County to the  
greate terro<sup>r</sup> and amazem<sup>t</sup> of the English Inhabitants in those  
pts not knowing what their Designe may be, These are there-  
fore to Authorise and empower as also strictly to charge and  
command you the said Cap<sup>t</sup> Randolph Brandt forthwith to