

Lib. R. summon together one Squadron consisting of twenty men of your Troope whom you shall think fitt to appoint, and with them well mounted and compleately armed you are to march to the Pascattoway ffort there to Informe your self as fully as you cann from the Indians there touching the truth of the said Report, and .all Circumstances thereunto relateing with the posture and Designe of the said strange Indians, and the present State and condition of the Pascattoway Indians themselves soe farr forth as you can Learne or receive from them, and for your better execution of this your precept you are to address your self (in y^r way thither) to M^r John Stone of your s^d County who is hereby willed and required to accompany you to the said Pascattoway ffort, and to afford you his advice aid and assistance as Interp^rter betweene you and the s^d Indians in such matters and thinges as y^u & he shall think fitt to propose to them, and they shall again offer to you in ord^r to yo^r better Information concerning the p^rmisses, An Acco^t whereof as well you the said Capt. Randolph Brandt as also the said John Stone und^r your hands you are to rend^r unto us by Monday next the Seaventeenth instant without faile. In ord^r whereunto you are hereby Authorised and empowered to press man & horse in any part of the said County as well for Conveyance of the s^d Acco^t unto us the said Seaventeenth instant as also from time to time and at all times hereafter when and as often as occasion shall require or you shall see convenient for any further discovery or Intelligence w^{ch} may happen to be made to you any waies concerning the same. Whereof faile not and for soe Doeing this shall be your warr^t Given und^r our hand and Seale at Armes the 12th Day of May in the fffifth yeare of our Dominion &c^a Annoq Dmi 1680:

p. 109

A Letter was also writt to M^r Chandler from his L^{spp}: in answer to his being as foll (viz:)

M^r Chandler

Yours of yesterdays Date this morning I recd: conteineing the Intelligence you recd: from a Pascattoway Indian concerning the Sinniquo and Susquehannoh Indians being come down about 300 of them and Inforted neere the Pascattoway ffort, I thanke you for your care in adviseing it, and have given ord^{rs} to Capt^a Brandt what I thought necessary to be done therein at p^rsent, and shall take what further care therein may be needfull. I am

Your very Lo. ffriend

S^t Maries May 12th 1680:

C: B:

May 14th 1680:

The foregoeing ord^{rs} to Cap^t Brandt & Lrē to M^r Chandler then read in the p^rsence of the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} The