

Lib. R. a distressed condition, the Inhabitants there about affrighted are remooveing & removed from the said head of the River, and I having noe ord^r for the raising of men upon such expedicōn humbly desire yo^r L^{spp} to Signifie your pleasure in the p^rmisses with convenient Speed, in the meane time have ord^d that the Inhabitants in those parts be very carefull of themselves and that as soone as your L^{spp} shall be pleased to send any ord^r for their assistance that they shall have knowledge thereof soe Craving yo^r L^{spps} gracious pardon for this presumption, Remaine yo^r L^{spps} obedient Serv^{tt}

Thomas Francis.

At a Councill held at S^t Peter's the 22th Day of May Annoq 1680

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| The Hon ^{ble} | { | The R ^{tt} Hon ^{ble} the Lord Prop ^{ry} | } | P ^r sent |
| | | Philip Calvert Esq ^r Chancelo ^r | | |
| | | William Calvert Esq ^r Secry | | |
| | | George Talbott Esq ^r | | |

At w^{ch} time was p^duced by his L^{spp} and read to the board a Letter from Cap^t Randolph Brandt concerning the Pascattoway Indians according to his L^{spps} ord^{rs} to said Brandt of the 17th instant.

The said Letter followeth in these words viz.

R^{tt} Hon^{ble}

Yo^r L^{spps} Commands of the 17th instant have Communicated to the Empero^r and greate men of Piscattoway who seemes to be very thankfull for the Ammunition y^r L^{spp} is pleased to tend^r them, I likewise acquainted them with yo^r L^{spps} pleasure in remooveing them to the Anticokes, and doe find them very ready and willing to remoove thither or any where your L^{spp} shall appoint they also Offer if y^r L^{spp} will ord^r the neighbouring Indians (viz) Mattawomans, Chocticos &c: up to Piscattoway they will keepe their ground & maintaine their ffort against their Enemies, or otherwise if y^r L^{spp} will appoint a small party of English to be at their ffort for the security of their wives and Children they shall then bee encouraged to stay and make Corne, it is generally thought the Pascattoway Indians may draw the Mattawomans over with them to the Anticokes. I have sent James Smallwood on this message who is able to give yo^r L^{spp} a full relation of this affaire, whom I made vse off as Interpreter in the presence of M^r William Chandler. The Empero^r & greate men tells me of an Indian of theirs killed by the English at Cap^t Aspinalls about Tenn Daies agoe w^{ch} they have lately dis-