

Lib. R. rash unadvised Actions of foolish people, I have sent to give notice to all your L^{spps} Officers within this County to warne yo^r L^{spps} people to stand upon their guard in a Defensive manner, but by noe meanes to offer any Offence, and what power M^r Waterton does assume to himself I know not sure I am he has none from me to March or to raise men to March neither have I as yett recd: any from yo^r L^{spp} to that purpose, but it is like him and those of his Company who are forward to their owne ruine to create an Enemy though weake and unable to withstand him as by the Inclosed to your L^{spp} may appeare, I beseech yo^r L^{spp} to send releife if it be but your L^{spps} advice w^{ch} gives life to all our Actions, and without w^{ch} we cannot stand nor moove, the want of Ammunition will be a discouragem^t to many families of this your L^{spps} County that are both able & willing to purchase if it were to be sold. What yo^r L^{spp}: has been pleased to entrust in my hands is the greatest part with the Armes ready at yo^r L^{spps} Command. The Ill events of this rash unadvised Action I leave to the Consideration of your L^{spp}: and as soone as the truth in every respect can be had yo^r L^{spp}: shall receive Intelligence. I have
 p. 122 sent to enquire, hoping your L^{spp}. will pardon my tedious Impertinence I Subscribe as in Duty.

Your Lo^{pps} ffaithfull & Obedient Serv^t
 George Wells

To the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry}
 of the Province of Maryland
 These with haste post haste humbly p^rsent.

Whereas we have had of late a murder perpetrated in Gunnpowd^r River and two attempts made on the Inhabitants of Bush River by Indians at every of w^{ch} there has been greate remissness in answering of the Alarm, by the adjacent Neighbours to the encouragem^t of the Enemy & trouble to Officers besides makes us slow of motion These are therefore in the name of the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} to will and require or other waies strictly to charge and command all p^{sons} resideing in the County of Baltemore upon pain and perill that shall fall thereon that they fire not above one gunn at a time, and that convenient distance be betweene every Gunn of at least half an hour unless occasion of Alarme happen w^{ch} every one is to make upon the approach of any Indians or fresh Discovery. We as yett not knowing who is our ffriends and who is not, by firing off three gunns distinctly the one after the other all within the space of a quarter of an hour and all p^{sons} are required as aforesaid to answer the same with one good gunn well charged and he that soe answereth if his neighbour doe not answer him whereby he may judge he heard not the Alarme shall with all speed give