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Your L^{dspps}:

fffaithfull & most Obedient Serv^t

Portobacco Charles County

Rand^o: Brandt

June 20th 1681:

Thus Superscribed

To the R^t hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baltemore absolute Lord and
Prop^{ty} of Maryland.

haste post haste for his L^{spps} Service

Rand^o Brandt

May it please your L^{dspp}:

20th June 1681:

I recd: your L^{spps} Commands relateing to the Delivery of fifty pounds of powder to M^r Cheseldine but doe find it cannot possibly be spared haveing sold all of what was ord^d into my Custody in reference to your L^{spps} Commands signified in a Letter from M^r Llewelin when the powder was sent up; off which I have here sent your L^{spp} a p^ticular Acco^t of your L^{dspps} Commands of the 16th Instant as also the former shall be duely observed, and my small endeavours shall not be wanting for the preservation of the Inhabitants of this County; ffor news it is most certain that the strange Indians which lay by the Zachaiah ffort have carried twelve of the Zachaiah Indians away with them (notwithstanding the peace made in the presence of Captⁿ Brandt) and are gone, their tract hath been seen by one that was hunting for horses about the Pascattoway ffort since they went away and the tract leads towards the Creeke. Cap^t Brandt is now gone to Zachaiah to make what Discovery he cann, and intends to take James Smallwood along with him, he knowing best those Indians which was Deteyned by the strange Indians at the ffort, which if proove to be there yett will make a greate discovery there by: he intends to vse his utmost to keepe them from a further Agreement, and continue rangeing betweene the said ffort and the ffrontire Plantations of this County, which seemes to be much approved off by the Inhabitants thereof, We are Informed by the Zachaiah Indians that these P. 199
Indians that Come downe are not Sinniquos but a mixt people of severall Nations, some Susquehannohs, some Aquaiacoes, some Doags and part of two other Nations which I have forgott; Yett they be the same party that cutt off the Mattawoman ffort as appeares by four Prisoners that they had amongst them which were well knowne by James Smallwood to belong to the Mattawomans; likewise those Prisoners informe our Indians that these are the party which doe them all the mischiefe, and that the Sinniquos never doe them