

places, & that we shall have just cause to beleive that these men have committed the late murders unless they come to a new peace with us, and upon this last refuseall to forbid them comeing neere the English Plantations. Lib. R.

6: In case you find the Indians inclinable to make a peace you may (according to your former instructions) make them a present of a peace of Matchcoate.

7: You are to vse your utmost skill to Instruct your men to fight on foote like Dragoones though they vse horse and pistolls as well as Carabines as they march, it being the surest way to resist an Indian.

Dated the first Day of July Anno Dmi one thousand Six hundred Eighty One

Signed by ord^r of his L^d and Council
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Then also issued Commissions to Captⁿ Randolph Brandt p. 206
for Captⁿ of a troope of horse George Godfrey his Leive-tenant, Robert Middleton his Cornett, and a blank for his Quarter Master to be filled up by himself under his L^ds hand and Seale at Armes according to the common forme, as also a particular Comission to the said Captⁿ Brandt upon this occasion being as foll viz

Maryland ss: Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^{ry} of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c. To Captain Randolph Brandt of Charles County greet-
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Whereas greate Troopes of the Northern Indians have and doe daily make inroades and incursions into this our Province to the greate terror and confusion of the Inhabitants thereof, and highly to be suspected upon noe good Designe, we haveing already had some murders lately committed by strange Indians upon severall good people of this Province Wee Doe therefore by and with the advice and consent of our Council hereby Authorise and empower as also strictly charge and Command you Cap^t Randolph Brandt commander of a troope of horse in our said County to Range with your troope or such and soe many men thereof well mounted and armed as you shall from time to time think necessary for the Discovery of the said Indians with whom you are to endeavour by all faire waies and meanes possible to come to a treaty according to the Instructions from us and our Council this Day to you Directed, And in case you or any of your Troope shall be assaulted by any the said Indians or other Enemys, or that they by any waies or meanes offer to breake peace, by open violence or privately contriveing and conspiring to sett upon