At a Councill held at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of Liber R. September Anno Domini 1681:

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At what time his L<sup>spp</sup> produced and Communicated to this board a Letter he had recd: from Cap<sup>t</sup> Randolph Brandt relateing to the state and condition of Charles County and the Pascattoway Indians there und<sup>r</sup> the protection of the English who daily expected to be assaulted by the Northern Indians comeing downe upon them, Capt. Brandt therefore Desireing his L<sup>spps</sup> orders whereby to Regulate himself complaineing also that the Troopers under his Command were fearfull of Arrests and Desired protection from his L<sup>spp</sup> dureing such time as they continued in the service of the Countrey

The Result of all w<sup>ch</sup> ended in the following ord<sup>r</sup> of Councill viz.

## By the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> & Councill

Sept 26 ) Maryland ss:

1681: \( \) Whereas severall Insolencies, outrages attempts and murders have of late been offered made and committed in and upon severall the Inhitants of this Province by the Northern Indians who in all probability seeke and endeavour the utter ruine and extirpation of the Pascattoway our neighbouring and friend Indians and all others in peace and Amity with the English Inhabitants of this Province in order to their makeing way the more easily to assault and destroy the English themselves, and Whereas the said Northern Indians are now daily expected by the said Pascattoways to come upon and assault them contrary to the Articles of peace made with the said Northern Indians at ffort Albany; and Whereas not onely by the Articles made with the sd Pascattoways but also p. 259 for the better security and Defence of the Inhabitants of this Province for the reasons aforesaid his L<sup>spp</sup> the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> holds himself obleiged to Defend and protect the said Pascattoways and others the Neighbouring and ffriend Indians within this Province. It is therefore Ordered that the Troope of horse in Charles County under the command of Capt Randolph Brandt doe still keepe rangeing in and about the outermost and ffrontire Plantations, and other convenient places of the s<sup>d</sup> County where it may be most requisite and necessary for the defence and Safeguard of the Inhabitants of the said County and also of our sd ffriend Indians, and that dureing such their time of service and soe long as they shall be employed in the Service of the