

Liber R. Whereupon issued the following ord^r of Councill viz

By the Lord Prop^{ty} & Councill

Mary^{ld} ss:

Ordered that Cap^t Samuel Bourne, and Captⁿ Richard Ladd of Calvert County forthwith upon sight hereof come and personally appeare before his L^{dsp} and Councill at the City of S^t Maries to inform his L^{dsp} & Councill of such matters and thinges as shall then and there be enquired of them; And that the said Cap^t Bourne give speedy notice to the Dutch Docto^r (by him in a Letter to his L^{dsp} mentioned) that he also forthwith be and give his attendance as aforesaid where he is Required to have with to p^rduce a Letter he lately recd from New Yorke from his mother there for his L^{dsp}s peruseall the same Importing matter of greate consequence to this Province (as is Informed) Hereof lett none faile Dated at S^t Maries the 27th Day of ffebruary in the 7th yeare of the Dominion of the R^t hon^{ble} Charles &c^a Annoq Domini 1681:

Signed p ord^r
p J Llewelin Cl Consil.

Ordered also at the same time that Six men in Armes under the Command of Cap^t Ninion Beale be commanded out to continue Rangeing betweene the head of Pottuxen River and the branches thereabouts up to the Susquehannogh ffort for the discovery of any Indian Enemy that may appeare and thereupon to give notice to Coll Chandler and Captⁿ Brandt of Charles County for their Governm^t in the security and Defence of that County and also to Coll Henry Jowles of Calvert County for conveyance to his L^{dsp} accordingly as his L^{dsp} hath already Commanded and now signifies to this board by whom the same is approved off.

His L^{dsp} informes the board that the sense of the last Commissions to the severall and Respective Collonells or Principall Officers of the militia of this Province had been wholly misunderstood and misapplied by the common people in generall by vertue thereof assumeing to themselves a privilege for any single person upon any slight or frivolous occasion or out of a humour to create a warr by killing any Indian they meete with though the appeareance may be never soe friendly and to a good Intent w^{ch} may prove of very ill Consequence to the Province in generall and was wholly contrary to his L^{dsp}s designe in granting the s^d Commissions w^{ch} he intended should be made vse of onely at the discretion of the Collonells themselves upon any urgent occasion where the Defence and Security of their County or any single plantation or person may require it, upon the discovery or appeare-