

for Lief^t or Ensigne there I know not; The next is my Lief^t Liber R. who hath noe Comission his name is John Hinson; My Ensigne whose name is Nathaniel Evatts is soe crippled with the gripeing of the Gutts that he is Quite disabled; Josias Lankam is the next I pitch on who is my Major^s Sonn in Law if your L^{dsp} likes well of it; all these Commissions I want before I cann proceed to doe any thing; for noe Coll hath any power to make or appoint any Commission Officer without speciall power from his Generall. In the next place as soone as I see Coll Lloyd I intend to consult him about the horse under his Command in the Upper County that there may some be ready to joine with the foote there in case of the Enemy's approaches. My Lord as people live in this Countrey I am at a loss how possible to preserve all unless I had speciall Instructions for to draw them to some places of strength to secure them; I gave M^r English S^r Edmond Andros Letter with speciall charge to give it Augustine with his owne hands, I shall waite your L^{dsp}s further Comands at home untill the above said Commissions come. The Commission^s in Cecill County have putt that Tobacco your L^{dsp} ordered them to pay to Kent County for the bringing the Armes and Ammunition up to Kent into the hands of their Sheriff, but with this restriction not to part with it untill the Armes and Ammunition intended for their County be placed there: One thing more I will make bold to trouble your L^{dsp} with which is if yⁿ please to grant two Commissions for Captains viz: One South Sassafrax, and the other the North side in case of trouble they will be the more ready though they have but 35: men each; all which I humbly Offer to your L^{dsp}s consideration & Remaine

Your L^{dsp}s most humble & thankfull Serv^t
Henry Coursey

Postscript viz.

I have here inclosed sent your L^{dsp} an information taken by my Major how farr the Report may be true I know not; but as to them Sinniquos he sayes he saw at New York; I am apt to beleive that is false because they were never used to come thither. About a weeke since came Tequassino to me to complaine of some English man that had stole his horse, and that another English man had stole his hoggs and that he could prove it by two Sawyers which he gott to goe with him to view them, and Desired redress; I told him I would acquaint your L^{dsp} with it, and did not doubt but you would speedily take care to redress such abuses; This discourse ushered me to ask him what their Indians thought of the Sinniquos, he told me they were now Satisfyed that the Delaware Bay Indians were the Instrum^{ts} to bring them upon them: p. 303