

Liber R. The Commission, Instructions and answer to the Indians
Articles are as followeth viz

Maryland ss:

Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^{ty} of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &^c To our right trusty and well beloved Counsellors Coll Henry Coursey and Coll William Stevens Greeteing

Whereas some Troopes of the Northern Indians are lately come downe into this Province and (as wee are credibly informed) intend to seate themselves and sitt downe for some time before or neere the Pascattoway ffort at Zachaiah.

And whereas the s^d Northern Indians by their propositions in severall Articles lately made unto us Desire to enter into league of peace and Amity with us or rather to confirm their former league made with them in our behalf by Coll Henry Coursey at Albany; Which haveing Duely weighed and considered that the same may be of greate Moment and Concern to us, tending to the Quiett peace and safety of the Inhabitants of this Province. Wee have by and with the advice and Consent of our Councill Authorised Commissionated and Empowered, And we Doe hereby Authorise Commissionate and Impower you the said Coll Henry Coursey and Coll William Stevens our Commission^{rs} jointly & severally to treat
p. 241 with the said Indians; In order whereunto you are forthwth to sett forward on your journey towards the Pascattoway ffort, giving notice to Cap^t Brandt of Charles County of your approach, whom Wee Doe hereby will and Require to waite on you with his Troope or soe many of them as you shall think necessary for the occasion in such place and places as you shall appoint; When you shall Come thither you are to make choice of such place or places as you in your Discretion shall think most proper and convenient to treat with the said Indians, Whither (when you have fixed) you are to send for the greate men to whom by Jacob Young your Interpreter you are to Communicate the End and Designe of your coming thither and to make unto them such answers to their propositions as have been delivered unto you. according also to such orders and Instructions as are herewith given you or which hereafter shall be transmitted unto you from us and our Councill vseing the best of your skill knowledge and Discretion therein for the hono^r of the Governm^t and the preservation of the Lives Liberties and properties of all his Maj^{ties} Subjects resideing here under our protection. Giveing also hereby and granting unto you full power and Authority to conclude Establish and confirm a firm and full League of peace and Amity with the said Indians according to your s^d