

His L^{dsp} Commands the rehearing of the Letter or instructions to the severall Collonells or Princip^l Military Officers within this Province in relation to their last Commission w^{ch} was accordingly done and had the consent & approbation of all present. Liber R.

The Dutch Docto^r according to appointm^t appeareing and averring to be true what Capt. Bourne had by his Letter informed his L^{dsp} The same is now taken into Consideration, and resolved that Application be made to the Governm^t of New York desireing them for the preservation of the lives and propertyes of his Maj^{ties} Subjects here to prohibitt any trade with the Northern Indians but upon tearmes of their keepeing peace with us an approved and effectuall meanes for the Inhabitants of Delaware preserving them thereby from the insolency of those Indians, ordered therefore that a Letter of the same purport be written to Captⁿ Anthony Brockolls or other present Commander in Chiefe there, and that Captⁿ Richard Hill of Anne Arrundell County be by a Letter from this board empowered and Required in behalf of this Governm^t to manage such address, viz.

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Hon^{ble} S^r

The Northern Indians with whom some time since this Province by Coll Henry Coursey their Agent at ffort Albany entred into a leaguc of peacc & Amity haveing lately violated their Articles with us not onely by plundering the houses and destroying the stocks, but also murdering the persons of some of the Inhabitants of our frontire Plantations hath given us cause of Suspition that they have either forgotten or are resolved noe longer to preserve their league with us, which called for and hath occasioned our most serious and Deliberate consultations in such case to prevent as much as in us lay the Effusion of more Xtian blood, and to contrive (if possible) the future peace and tranquility as well as the lifes and Safeguard of his Maj^{ties} Subjects here; And amongst other expedients calling to our minds the effectuall care by your Governm^t taken for the preservation and security of the Inhitants of Delaware (otherwise equally obnoxious to the Assaults and attempts of those Indians with the people of this Governm^t by affording to those Northern Indians a free trade (without which they cann hardly subsist) onely upon those very tearmes of keepeing peace and Amity with them, We from thence tooke encouragem^t and found ourselves obleiged to request the like favourable aid and Assistance from you for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of this Province alike Subjects