

Instruccōns with due regard had to the hono^r of the Governm^t and the constant peace and Quiet Safety and Defence of the Inhabitants afores^d. An Exact Acco^t of your proceedings you are duely to keepe and the same from time to time and at all times hereafter (dureing this your Negotiation) when and as often as occasion shall require you are to transmitt unto us and our Councill at our City of S^t Maries to the End that such further care may be therein taken as may be necessary for your further Instructions in the prosecution of this your Commission ffor all which this shall be your Sufficient power. Given under our hand and Seale at Armes the four and Twentieth Day of August in the Sixth yeare of our Dominion &^c Annoq Domini 1681 :

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Instructions for Coll Henry Coursey and Coll William Stevens Authorised and Impowered by the R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ty} to treat with the Northern Indians now neere Zachaiah ffort.

After you have treated with them upon the propositions they sent downe by the two Messengers that came downe with Jacob Young the Interpreter You are

ffirst to Lett them know that wee are certainly Informed that about the first of June last there was dispatched tenn Susquehannohs and tenn other Northern Indians in Canoes downe Pottomack River with a Pascattoway Indian prisoner for their guide, that the ffifteenth of June wee had five men and one Woman killed at Point Looke out, and some few Daies after twelve Indians were seene in Potapscoe whereof two were Susquehannohs who plundered a house there and when they fled for feare of the English, left a pair of Weomens Bodice all bloody behind them, Wherefore we Desire to know who those Murderers were since wee certainly know there are noe Susquesahannohs but amongst the Northern Indians

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2: When you know the Murderers you are to Demand them according to our former Articles with them.

3: You are to lett them know that wee are Informed that Diverse of our Neighbour Indians have sent them presents of Peake, and with those p^rsents an Axe Desireing them to take up that Axe against the English, and that in pursuance of that they sent those Indians downe to committ that murd^r at Point Looke out. Wee Desire to know what Indians our Neighbours have sent them presents and an Axe, and which of their fforts have accepted the presents and Axe that wee may know our friends from our ffoes.

4: That for your further Instructions we cannot Direct not