

be Surrendered up to the hon<sup>rd</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Justices in Court now Lib. H. D. sitting to whom it is hereby Recommended & Ordered th<sup>t</sup> such speedy methods be Used & care taken as they shall see requisite on this occasion; and that for the future (for prevention of a like Evill) a Rule of Court be made (if legall and proper to be done) for to Oblige the Clerk constantly to write out fair every night the Minutes or heads of every days proceedings by him to be Attested and Read over always the next morning and afterwards delivered to the Cheif Justice for his Keeping—And it is further Represented that a Representacōn be made unto his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> what Clerks they think are Requisite and Necessary to be kept in the Secretaryes Office for the due Execution and dispatch of all business thither coming to the End such Ord<sup>r</sup> therein may be made as is fitting.

And it is further Recommended that the two Prov<sup>ll</sup> Justices living in Ann Arrundell County be appointed to come to Town one Week or fortnight as it shall be agreed upon by turns for to see the s<sup>d</sup> Judgm<sup>ts</sup> Enter'd & th<sup>t</sup> it be Recommended to the Assembly that an allowance be made them for their trouble therein.

It is also further Recommended th<sup>t</sup> a Rule of Court be made for their Sitting every day by nine of the Clock in the morning and so to continue Sitting untill four in the Afternoon and that the Justices Lawyers & other p<sup>son</sup> Obliged to tend the Court, th<sup>t</sup> do not come according to the time appointed be fined without Excuse.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>

Hen: Denton C. Concil.

Gov. ffletcher  
L<sup>re</sup> abt  
the ffive  
Nations of  
Indians.

Sr. I thank your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> for the care you had of the Packetts. I have mett the Sachems of the ffive nations & done my endeavour to Confirm & Strengthen them in their ffriendship the inclosed print will give you particulars.

I have intelligence the ffrench Govern<sup>r</sup> intends to Attack Albany this Winter & has recruites from ffrence which was confirmed by Cap<sup>t</sup> Paxton who some time agoe was prison<sup>r</sup> on Board a ffrench Man of Warr and did learn that Count p. 28  
ffrontiniack had such Commands from the ffrench King. A Party consisting of 21 ffrench & one Indian were sent from Mount Reall with Commission to doe all the mischief they Could against the English and Indians of this Province their Instructions was if possible to gett prisoners and intelligence 13 of them lately appeared near Albany and were encountered by River Indians who beat them the Cap<sup>t</sup> wounded and two