

Lib. H. D. Rangers (upon Sight hereof) keep Constantly Ranging betwixt their ffort and the s^d ffrontier Plantations untill further Ord^r and that they often Call in at the Said Plantacōns and Inform themselves how matters are and that if they meet any Indians comitting any insolencies Violencies or other unlawfull Act that they forthwith Seize and Apprehend and under Safe and Secure Conduct Send them down to the Port of Annapolis unto his Ex^{ncy} the Gov^r to be dealt withall according to Law and that either Cap^t Oldton or his Lieuten^t meet his Ex^{ncy} at Baltemore County Court House the ffirst Tuesday of September next to Receive what further Order or directions may (for his Ma^{ty} and Countreys Service) be then and there given them and that if any thing should happen in the Interim that they imediately dispatch an Express down to his Ex^{ncy} to give an Acco^t thereof.

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By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r Aug^t 21th 1697.

Ordered that W^m Stermy of Calvert County Carpenter do (upon Sight hereof) fforecast his business to be here at the Port of Annapolis by the 28th of this Instant August in Order to view the State House Work in Company of Laurence Garey Carpenter and to give their Opinions about the Same what time it will Require to ffinish it &^{ca} whereof he is no wise to ffaile.

Signed p Ord^r Hen: Denton Cl. Concil.

At a Councill mett and held at the Port of Annapolis &^{ca}
the 27th day of August 1697.

Present

His Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^l &^{ca}
S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secry^r }
Coff Henry Jowles }
Coff Nich^o Greenberry }

Produced and Read a letter by his Ex^{ncy} rēcd: from George Muschamp Esq Coff^r of his Ma^{ty} Customs of Potomock District Dated the 23^d instant giving an Acco^t of the Arrivall of Admirall Nevills Squadron in Virg^a and of their Success they have had in the West Indies against the ffrench &^{ca} And it being Signified at the Board how that one Cap^t Edward Tarleton having lately brought intelligence from Choptanck how that M^r W^m Sharp of Talbot County being lately Come from Virg^a did Report the News of the s^d Admirall Nevills