

Lib. H. D. accordingly authorised constituted & empower'd to be Gener^l Interpreter for this Government upon any Treaty to be made with the Indians on the Western Shore, and th^t no other p^rson presume to take upon him th^t office besides; hereby Empowering the Hono^{ble} Coll In^o Courts to administer
P. 577 an Oath to the s^d Moore, faithfully to discharge his duty therein, whensoever he is by any Authority thereunto called or required.

Ordered that M^r Richard Cloud of S^t Maries County Maj^r James Smallwood of Charles County and Major Will^m Barton of Prince Georges County do (upon sight hereof) use their utmost endeavour for the seizing and apprehending a certain Indian called Mountague, Represented to be an Enemy to this Government and that (if taken) they or any of them under safe & secure conduct send him to be and appear before his Ex^{ncy} at the Port of Annapolis, to be dealt withall according to Law.

October the 21st 1697.

Memorandum that the Armes w^{ch} the men to be raised are to have, be all of a sort, if possible, or at least one half of them, and the other halfe of another sort.

Ordered th^t what Arms & Amunition belong to Charles County, be equally proportion'd wth those belonging to Prince Georges County, and the like to be done in S^t Maryes County, so that the Arms & Amunition of those three Counties be equally divided amongst them.

Ordered that no person whatsoever presume to keep or detain in their Custody or possession any publick arms belonging to the Countrey, which have been purchased & provided cither since his Majes^{ties} happy Government here, or in the time of the Lord Baltimore; but that they deliver such arms up to the next Militia officer, under penalty of being prosecuted upon the Statute of King Charles the Second for felony, and that all Officers having any Publick arms or ammunition in their Custody to give an account thereof to the Colonel of the County, who is to returne a Generall List as well of those accounts he receives, as of what arms & ammunition he has in his own custody, unto his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r by the first of the next Provinc^l Court or sooner if possible hereby Com^{and}ing the Sherriffs to publish this in all publick places wthin their respective Counties and to give the Militia & field officers Copies hereof for their information