

Lib. X. & ease of the Country I disband & dismiss you from the present Command you have over the Rangers in Baltemore County as likewise the Men under you whereof you & every of you are to take due Notice Given under my hand & seal the day & Year above written Postscript

You or any of your Rangers will Come hither M^r Henry Denton Clk of his Majestys honble Council will give you a full Acc^t of your pay

To Captain Iohn Oldton Commd^r
of the Rangers in Baltimore County }
att the Garrison there..... }

April the 2^d 1698 post merediem

The Council again Sate & were present as before

p. 20 This Board taking into their Deliberation & serious Considerations the matter about the piscattoway Indians forasmuch therein Butt Left the same precarious have therefore for his Maj^{stys} Service & the more ease & Security of the Countrey thought fit to Order as also to Authorise appoint & Empower the honble Coll^o Iohn Addison to raise ten men & two Captains to Command those Men who are to range by turns & Observe and follow the same Instructions as the present Rangers who are to be paid accordingly to Act of Assembly but it is Ordered that Captain Brightwell be not one of those two Officers which said Men and Officers are to be raised with all Expedition possible & placed some where Convenient for Strengthening the Frontier plantations as the said Coll^o Addison sees fit & most Serviceable to his Majesty & safety of the Countrey it being thought Unessasary to keep them at the Garrison now for their is a peace & no fear of any French or other Indians attacking those parts besides the Return of the Piscattoway Indians may now about this time be expected thither if they Come at all yet it is thought necessary that the Old Rangers be still Continued and Kept in Service & pay until the New ones be rightly Equipped & Established but afterwards be dismissed & disbanded which is ordered Accordingly

April the 3^d 1698

The Council again Sate & were present as Yesterday

Produced and read a petition of William Piper Gilbert Norris & Nicholas Dumaresq Masters of Ships praying a Register of their Respective Ships