

Lib. W. B. his Messenger adds Several Particulars Such as, That the Indians had murdered 200 familys at & ab^ta Place called Port Royal, that the whole Country was flying before them to take Shelter at Charles Town, which place they also Expected would be soon Blockt up, the Enemye being at the time of writeing the Letter which was the 11th of this Month within two days March. Col^o Craven has very Earnestly pressed me to assist him wth some Armes in this distress, And I have accordingly resolved to send him a Supply both of Armes and Ammunition by his Maj^{ty}s Ship Valour for which purpose I have Writt the Inclosed Letter to the Cap^t to hasten hither and pray the favo^r of you to give it a Speedy Conveyance If you can Supply him wth any Armes or Ammunition from yo^r Province it will be a very great kindness but if they are not in

p. 42 readiness a Small Assistance sent in time will be of greater Service than a Larger hereafter Col^o Craven writes me th^t the man of Warr I sent thither wth a paquet of the Same Kind as th^t you had from hence the begining of last Month has been of great Service to Incourage the people there, and I believe their being Visited from time to time by some of his Majestys Ships of Warr on these Northern Stations will be a means to keep up their Spiritts and Secure the Communication by Sea, which is the only way they have now left to be Supplied with Provisions, I cannot but now Call to mind a paragraph I observed Col^o Hunters letter to you upon the death of the Queen, which intimated his being obliged to hasten to Albany to pacifye the Indians, who had threatened to take up the Hatchett upon some pretended Advices th^t the English were Combining to cutt them off, And as I am certainly informed, th^t there has been a more than ordinary intercourse between the Southern and Northern Indians for some time past, and th^t the Southern Indians under pretence of making war upon the Seniquors and other Northern Indians furnished themselves wth great Quantities of Ammunition and Armes which they have now turned against the people of South Carolina, I am very apprehensive there may be the same Treacherous designe on foot amongst the Northern Indians, Wherefore I think it Concerns all these Governm^{ts} to be upon their Guard and to have watchfull Eye upon the Indians in their Neighbourhood, The Inclosed letter for the Governo^{rs} to the Northward are intended to caution them ag^t such a Surprize which may be too Justly feared and I pray the favour of you to give them a Speedy Dispatch. I am with great Esteem

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Yo^r most Obed^t
humble Serv^t

A Spotswood