

Lib. J. R. Ordered that the following Instructions be here Entered
& U. S. To Captain

Whereas the late Incursions of Indians into this Province and the Ravages they have Committed in Frederick County makes it absolutely necessary for us to Send a Body of Armed Men to the Western Frontiers for the future Security and Protection of the Inhabitants: You are hereby Comissioned & Ordered with Men of the Militia of your County under your Command to march out to the extreme Limits of this Province, Fort Cumberland, Col. Cresap's or as far westward as you shall think expedient, and Act offensively against the Enemy that has done such Mischief and Still infests our Borders. On your arrival at Frederick Town you are to Shew this your Commission & Instructions to M^r James Dickson who will thereupon furnish you with a Sufficient Quantity of Provisions to subsist yourself and party for five days or if you shall desire it for a longer time for which you are to pass your Receipt as you are also to do for any Arms or Ammunition that he shall also Supply you with. On your Arrival at the Mouth of Conegogee you are to apply to M^r George Ross for enough Provisions to Subsist your party Eight days or till they can reach Colonel Cresaps who has Orders to furnish you with farther Supplies during your Stay in that distant part of the Province which will be a Month from the day you arrive there, if Col Cresap shall think your Stay for so long a time expedient and necessary. In case the Garrison of Fort Cumberland be much reduced and weakened you are to offer your Service to the Commandant thereof and Obey his Orders during your Stay there and while he Supplies your party with Provisions but if the Garrison wants no Reinforcement you are to dispose of yourself and party in the best manner you can to Protect the Inhabitants & annoy the Enemy, and I would have you Advise with Colonel Cresap how either can be most easily effected for the encouragement of such as will March under your Command I have Promised the Party or Person that shall take an Enemy Alive and deliver him at Stoddarts Fort Six pounds Currency, and the party or Person that shall kill an Enemy or Produce Witnesses of such Fact or the Enemys Scalp in Testimony will be rewarded with the Sum of four pounds. I recommend to you to take especial Care that your Party behave orderly and on no account plunder or Maletreat the Inhabitants, And desire you will as often as you have opportunity advise me of your proceedings and Intentions by Letter and at your Return bring or Send me a particular Journal of your proceedings from the Day you march to the