

Employ in our Name two Carpenters with necessary assistance to
build a convenient small but strong House close by Christiane River
in New Castle County with a good fortisado Fort about it and
to agree in our Name with three Able Bodied men to serve us
for six Months as Soldiers for defence of the said House, and for
defence of a Store to be by us lodged there to Trade with the
Indians, and to protect the Neighbourhood which are seated and
Seat near it from all outrage and violence by the Indians
and other Thieves and Robbers; to whom the said Bridge has
always afforded too great a conveniency to escape out of our
Province towards Pennsylvania, where they have been committed
at and protected by the Inhabitants. To which Soldiers you are
in our Name to promise Monthly pay during the said six months
according to the provision made by Act of Assembly for Soldiers
in Actual Service you are also to appoint a Commander over the
said Soldiers and Fort to take particular and extraordinary care
in preserving and defending the same, and in Husbanding the
Store, Ammunition and provisions therein, and in keeping good
Agreement and Order, among the said Soldiers and among such
Persons as shall live within or hard by the said Fort, to which
Commander you are hereby Ordered to promise in our Name Double
Soldiers Pay, for six Months, which Pay together with the Pay
of the Soldiers aforesaid shall be Ordered in the Hands of the
Sheriff of Cecil County. In the management of this Affair be as
Expeditions and Secret as you can. Given under our Hand and
Seal at Arms this 19. day of March 1683

Charles to our dear Cousin and Councillor George Tatham Esq.
Greeting Whereas by his Sacred Majesty's Letters bearing date the
second day of April 1681 relative Commands was given unto us
to appoint one or more persons or Persons to join with the Agents
of William Penn Esq. Governor and Proprietary of the Province