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A Council Held at Asquithanah Point
July 1st 1661

Present. His Governour the Secred J. Capt. James Neale

Was read this following Clause in a Letter from his
Lordship dated London 14 December 1660 post alliguan. Viz

Capt Neale being by the late Act for Navigation sent by his
Voyage in the Dutch Ship he intended is gone as a Passenger for Maryland
in an English Vessel he was at the Isle of Wight on 16th of the last month
upon his Voyage to you. I hope when he comes you and he and my other
friends will think upon some speedy and effectual way for reducing the
Dutch in Delaware Bay, the new England men will be assisting in it and
Secretary Ludwell of Virginia assured me before he went from hence that
the Virginians will be so too. But it were well to be done with all Celerity
Convenient because perhaps the New England Men falling upon them at
Manhattans may take in the head to fall upon them at Delaware too,
and by that means pretend some Title to the place &c.

Whereupon the Council took a View of his Lordships
Commission to the said Capt. James Neale granted for the Levying of Men
to make War upon certain Enemies Pirates and Robbers, that have
usurped a part of Delaware Bay lying within the fortieth Degree of
Northernly Latitude as followeth. Viz

C. Baltimore

absolute Lord and Proprietary of Maryland and Avalon
Lord Baltimore &c. To our trusty and well beloved Capt James Neale and to
all our Officers in Maryland and all others whom it may Concern Greeting
Whereas we understand that certain Enemies Pirates and Robbers have
swaded and usurped a part of our said Province of Maryland lying upon
the South side of Delaware Bay within the Degree of forty Northernly Latitude
and Divers foreigners furnish them with Vessels Arms, Provisions and
other goods to maintain their said unjust usurpation. Know ye that
we reposeing Trust and Confidence in the Courage and Experience in martiall
Affairs and good affection of you the said Capt. Neale do by these presents
appoint and authorize you the said Captain Neale to Levy Muster & Train
any men in our said Province of Maryland for the time being that shall be
willing to assist you in an Expedition against the said Enemies Pirates and
Robbers, and to make War against and to pursue any the said Enemies Pirates
and Robbers, or any Foreigners or their Ships or other Vessels aiding or assisting
them in any way by Sea or by Land yea even without the Limits of our said
Province and by good Assistance to Vanquish and Take them, and to seize
upon all or any Rowes and Goods of the said Enemies Pirates & Robbers
or their Vessels which shall be upon the Shore within the Limits of our said
(Province)