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You are with all convenient speed to procure and employ in our
Name two Carpenters with necessary assistance to build a convenient square
cut Strong house (close by Christ Church bridge in new Castle County with a good
Ballisadoe fort about it and to agree in our Name with three able bodied
men to serve us for six months as Souldiers for defence of the said house
and for defence of a house to be by us lodged there, to trade with the Indians
and to protect the Neighbourhood which are seated and shall beal. Near it
from all Outrages and Violence by Indians and others thieves and Robbers
to whom the said bridge has always afforded too great a convenience to
escape out of our province towards Pensilvania where they have been
entirely at and protected by the Indians; To which Souldiers you are in
our Name to promise Monthly pay during the said six months, according
to the Provision made by Act of Assembly for Souldiers in actual Service
You are also to appoint a Commander over these Souldiers and fort to take
Particular and extraordinary care in preserving and defending the same
and in husbanding the Armes Ammunition and provisions therein and in
keeping good Agreement and order among the said Souldiers and among such
of you as shall live within or hard by the said fort, to which Command
you are hereby ordered to promise in our Name Double Souldiers pay for
six months, which pay together with the pay of these Souldiers shall
be ordered in the hands of the Sheriff of Cecil County. All the Management of
this affair be as Expedition and Secret as you can, Y^r Obedient
and Loyal Servant at Arms this thirtieth day of March 1683

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W^m Penn^t to our Dear Councillor George Talbot
Esq^r greeting, Whereas by his Sacred Majesty's letters bearing date the
second day of April 1681 Positive Command was given unto us to appoint one
or more person or persons to journey wth the Agents of W^m Penn^t Governour
and Proprietor of the Province of Pensilvania in enquiring and finding out
the several degrees of Northern Latitude and according thereto to settle
and fix certain Land marks between the Provinces of Maryland and Pensilvania
which should for the future be the perpetual bounds of the provinces afo^r
Pursuant to the Express words in our Charter of Maryland and in the said
W^m Penn^t Charter of Pensilvania To which Commands of our most Gracious
Sovereign we have on our Part Express a most willing Obedience by
sending (in the said Penn^t absence) our Agents to meet with his full
(Power