

It being necessary for the safety of the Colony to
 Reduce the Inhabitants living weakly dispersed... In several
 Plantations to some places of better strength in case of any
 sudden invasion of Indian Robbers and Pillagers I have
 therefore appointed and do hereby command and Order
 in the name of the Said Proprietary that no Inhabitants
 of this Colony presume until further Order or Liberty
 in that Behalf to discharge or Concur to the discharging
 of three Guns within the space of one quarter of an hour
 upon any Occasion whatsoever unless upon mustering
 days except there be Reasonable Occasion to make an
 Alarm and that every one upon the sight of any Indians
 in any suspicious manner without delay use the best
 means he may to make an Alarm by the discharging
 of three Guns and that every house keeper upon the hea-
 ring of an Alarm answer it by shooting of three Guns
 and that every house keeper inhabiting in Saint Michaels
 hundred between Saint Inigo's Creek and Trinity Creek
 immediately upon the knowledge thereof carry such
 Women and Children as are belonging to his Family
 unto Saint Inigo's Fort there to abide for one month
 from the date hereof unless Liberty be sooner given to the
 contrary and I do hereby Command and Authorise
 the Sheriff of this County to take Charge and Command
 of all the persons able to bear Arms within the Division
 aforesaid and to appoint Able men to keep Guard in the
 said Fort day and night during the time aforesaid & I
 do further appoint and Command that the Housekee-
 pers of the other part of S^t Michaels hundred from
 Trinity Creek Southward do carry their Women and
 Children to the house of Thomas Steerman and that
 Lieut Thomas Baldridge take Charge of the Said Southern