

in the premises as well in vindication of former injuries
 and mischiefs as also through Gods assistance to prevent
 the like for the future that the said Island might not be
 deserted and the inhabitants destroyed by the Bloody inhu-
 man cruelty of those Barbarous Heathens and Pagans
 as by the said petition more at large appears the Governor
 and Council now present in Court together with Thomas
 Courtales Esq and others whose advice and assistance
 was desired in this case of great Concernment taking the
 matter of the said petition into tender and serious Consi-
 deration in regard of the urgent pressing necessity of this
 Occasion have thought it to be very fit and requisite and
 Accordingly it is by the said Governor and Council now or-
 dered and appointed that sufficient forces be speedily rai-
 sed for a march against the said Eastern Shore Indians
 and for that purpose every seventh man throughout the
 Province is to be pressed for this Service Councils Com-
 missioners and other Officers and persons of publick em-
 ployments within this Province and others usually freed
 in cases of this nature excepted and that the Sheriff or
 other Officer to be appointed in every County by the Governor
 or Commander or Commissioners of such County for this
 Employment is so near as he can to press the ablest and fit-
 test man amongst every seven for this Service together with
 such a convenient number of Boats and other Vessels for
 Transportation well fitted as the Governor shall conceive
 fitting and necessary to be used upon this expedition and
 it is further Ordered that every thesea persons throughout
 the Province are to furnish out the seventh man so pressed
 as aforesaid with sufficient and fitting provisions of Vic-
 tuals from the time of his setting forth upon this expedition
 until the time of his meeting at the General Rendezvous