

W<sup>m</sup> Stone

To every Constable in every hundred  
or hundred in Saint Marys County  
Charles County and the North side of  
Potomac River

To the Honourable the Governor of  
Maryland these

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir

Yours I did Receive the sixth instant in  
which you were pleased to honour me with the Command  
under your self of a Considerable Party to March against  
the Eastern Shore Indians which may be of good use  
if wisely managed but Sir I find the Inhabitants of these  
parts wholly disaffected not to the thing but the time of  
the Year it being in all likelihood (as they conceive) dan-  
gerous for their health first in regard the want of necessaries  
as also want of Vessels fit to transport them and next  
that it is possible they may be frozen into the Rivers and so  
expose themselves to more dangers through Cold and want  
of necessary provisions then by the Enemies and one thing  
more which doth most take with me the Indians on the  
<sup>Side</sup> West had notice of it before your Commission come to my  
hands as I am credibly informed to prevent which a lon-  
ger time were to be desired as also that some Order might  
issue from your self to prohibit the Revealing of your design  
to any Indians under some penalty as the Law of Arms  
hath in that Case provided as for the Inhabitants of Kent  
who were the material Cause of this expedition by exhibiting  
a petition to your self for speedy relief as is hinted in your  
Order I shall if weakness of Body prevent not give them  
a visit and advise with them and readily assist them if  
Occasion be Offered with men or otherwise Sir let me crave  
this favour not to be mistaken in what I have writ