

of the said Masters due speed or amount to a greater number then ten men able to beare Armes. And to the intent that Our pleasure herein be the speedier putt in execution, and the reasonable convenience of the Inhabitants as well as their Security may be the better provided for Wee doe hereby further Charge and Demand the Commissioners of every the respective Countyes aforesaid together with every Captaine of the Militia of such respective Countyes w<sup>ch</sup> aforesaid within ten Dayes next after the publication hereof in each respective County to agree upon some certaine house in each Hundred or Division in such respective County w<sup>ch</sup> aforesaid to which every ten of the respective Inhabitants able to beare Armes by name certainly by them to be sett downe shall upon any invasion of the Enemy certainly repair, And hereof all persons concerned are peremptorily to take notice w<sup>ch</sup> they will answer the contrary at their perils Given at St Maries under Our Great Seale of this Our Province of Maryland, this 13th Day of July in the first year of Our Dominion Anno D<sup>omi</sup> One thousand six hundred Seventy six.

Maryland ff. At a Councell held at St Maries Thursday the twentieth day of July in the first year of the Dominion of Charles Lord Baltimore Anno D<sup>omi</sup> 1676. Present

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> { J<sup>es</sup> Wharton Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy Lieutenant & Deputy Governour  
Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chancellor  
Wm Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Principall Secy } Councillors  
Thomas Taylor Esq<sup>r</sup>

In Blomfield Es.

Ordered that the Deputy Lieutenant appoint whom he shall thinke fitt out of the foot Soldiers in any Company to serve as Troopers or on horsebacke, and what persons the said Deputy Lieutenant thinke fitt to appoint out of the horsemen to serve on foot upon such Occasion w<sup>ch</sup> shall hereafter require.

Ordered that Thomas Taylor Sheriff of Dorchester County Robert Winmore Wm Howard Wm Dorningtone Danial Carter of the same County Gent be sent for to attend the Deputy Governour and Councill the 10th day fortnight being the third day of August next wherefoever they shall then be.

Ordered that Major Wm Bourne give notice to the Overseers of Charles County & St Maries County that immediately they cause the passage over Ladysa Swamp to be made passable both for horse and foot, and that the Commissioners of the same Countyes see that the same passage be yearly repaired and amended w<sup>ch</sup> Occasion, shall from time to time require.

Maryland ff. At a Councell held at St Maries Friday the 21<sup>th</sup> of July 1676. Present

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> { J<sup>es</sup> Wharton Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy Lieutenant & Deputy Governour  
Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chancellor  
Wm Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Principall Secy } Councillors  
Baker Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> Surveyor  
Thomas Taylor Esq<sup>r</sup>

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