

Yesterday w<sup>ch</sup> m<sup>tt</sup> in Council at Manahowick Neck where we concluded to send  
 for the great men of the Sasattoway to meet us at y<sup>e</sup> same place on y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> instant  
 w<sup>ch</sup> we intend to lay open the Murd<sup>r</sup> b<sup>e</sup> fore them & Demand Satisfaction for  
 y<sup>e</sup> same, w<sup>ch</sup> if they consent to and comply with according to our Demands, w<sup>ch</sup> may  
 then have some ground to be w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>tt</sup> Province may continue in its present  
 tranquill condition, but as the case now stands the Sasattoway Indians having  
 clandestinely & privately done us severall mischiefs & taken y<sup>e</sup> same upon  
 the Amiquos and other Powhatan Indians, and w<sup>ch</sup> do verily believe that  
 they intend to cover the Murd<sup>r</sup> with y<sup>e</sup> same pretence, We rather believe that  
 a War with y<sup>e</sup> said Indians must consequently ensue w<sup>ch</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> shall Endeavour to  
 manage so as may be for y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>tt</sup> Hono<sup>r</sup> and (as much as in us lies) the  
 Security and Defence of the Inhabitants from any further Attempts, And the  
 Establishing a firm Peace b<sup>e</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> us and other Indians for the future so  
 w<sup>ch</sup> we shall not further add at present, but Our Prayers for y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>tt</sup> Health  
 and Prosperity We remain

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Tho. Holley  
 John Calvert  
 Baker Brooke  
 Ben<sup>th</sup> Foxer

Whereas Major Henry Jourdan by virtue of an ord<sup>r</sup> from the Govern<sup>r</sup>  
 to raise a sufficient number of men as should be necessary for y<sup>e</sup> Defence and  
 Security of the Inhabitants at y<sup>e</sup> head of Potomack River hath raised sixty men  
 w<sup>ch</sup> by the Govern<sup>r</sup> and Council (having fully considered and duly weighed the  
 Danger of those parts as to Indians ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> deemed too great a number for that  
 purpose, for severall weighty reasons concluding that the Sasattoway Indians  
 will not adventure to make any further Attempts upon them, so that a  
 lesser number of men than is raised may be sufficient for their Defence at present  
 It is Ord<sup>r</sup>ed

That One half of the said men be forthwith dismissed and sent home, and  
 that the other half (to say thirty men) continue in service, Twenty whereof  
 to be distributed among the Plantations for y<sup>e</sup> Defence of the houses, &  
 the other Ten to be constantly ranging about y<sup>e</sup> head of y<sup>e</sup> River —  
 according to y<sup>e</sup> Discretion of Capt. Nimion Beale who is hereby  
 appointed to Command the said Number of men, and to take special  
 care of all such Arms and Ammunition as they shall receive from  
 the L<sup>tt</sup> Magazine at Mattapony, and that no more of either  
 be distributed out among the men than what shall be absolutely necessary  
 for y<sup>e</sup> service they shall be employ'd in, & that y<sup>e</sup> rest be secured till  
 further Ord<sup>r</sup>. It is likewise Ord<sup>r</sup>ed that neither y<sup>e</sup> said Beale  
 nor any the Soldiers under his Command or others the Inhabitants  
 in those parts offer any violence to y<sup>e</sup> Indians if any they shall  
 discover unless the said Indians first make an assault upon them  
 but that they only stand upon their guard till further Ord<sup>r</sup>  
 And whereas Capt. Baker Brooke is now returned home into