

August 20th 1678.

As Before

Ordered that the men raised for ye guard and Defence of ye Inhabitants
= shall at ye head of Potomack River continue full in service,
and that the Arme. Arme. and Charles County Troopes be
commanded forth to keep ranging & to scour ye head of the
Rivers & other convenient places on ye frontiers of the respective
Counties according to such ord^s and instructions as they shall receive
from ye Gov. no.

It was accordingly ~~sent~~ sent from the Gov. no. to Lt Col
Thomas Sailer of Elm. Arme. County with ord^s to keep
the Troop ranging upon the frontiers and other convenient places
of the County until further ord^s.

And the following Receipt ^{sent} to Capt. Randolph Braudt in Charles
County. 1678

By the Lieutenant Gen^l

Thomas Votley Esq. Lt Gen^l Lieut. Captain & Chy. of Gov. no. of the Province
of Maryland and Lt Col. Charles Lord and Troop of the same to Capt.
Randolph Braudt Capt. of a Troop of Horse in Charles County Gent^l
Whereas there is a barbarous murder lately committed upon the English Inhabitants
of this Province by some Indians not yet fully discovered which my Self and the Upper
Council having taken into our serious consideration & consulted thereon have thought
fit for ye Security and Defence of the Inhabitants from any further attempts and
assaults of Indians, and for ye better discovery of any foreign Indians which the
Sasquahanna Our Neighbour Indians doe all adg^s have committed the said Murder
that ye Troop be commanded forth to range the upper part of ye County and toward
the Branches of Potomack River according to such ord^s and instructions as you
shall from time to time receive from me. Doe this for ye better will and requir^d
as also strictly charge and command you Capt. Randolph Braudt forthwith to summon
ye Troop to meet at some convenient place in ye County where you shall think fit. Out
of which you are to make choice of twenty men to be well provided with Arms & Munition
and provision sufficient for a weeks March with whom you are to march directly to the
Sasquahanna River and as ye way leads to the Branches of the Sasquahanna
forth and acquaint the Indians there that you are not come with any designe to hurt or annoy
them, but are sent forth with ye men to keep ranging for the Security of ye County
from the assault of any foreign Indians, and to make what Discovery you can of our
and their Enemies, which when you have endeavoured to persuade them, you are to goe
forward towards the Susquahanna River, and soe to range towards the Branches of
Potomack River and in such other parts and places of ye County as are most obnoxious
to the attempts of Indians, and most proper for discovery, and at the end of ye week
you are to returne home with the residue of men, and your Self for Lieutenant
again to march out with a fresh party of ye Troop consisting of the like
number of men and alike provided as before, to continue ranging, and
by weekly returning another until further ord^s from me or from my
Lieut. the Upper Council, and you are from time to time (when and as oft

Signed
Thomas Votley
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