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That the Officer that next marches out with the Rangers this and all  
other the Officers with the Rangers in the severall Counties on the  
Western Shore, be ord<sup>d</sup> to command the Inhabitants at the severall  
frontier Plantations, and others if need require upon the appearance  
of any Enemy (that is any Indian) to make an Alarm by firing their  
Guns after the ancient manner, and that every house answer the Alarm  
by firing one Gun, and that upon such Notice all persons do Repair  
to the place from whence the first the Guns were fired to assist them  
if need be or to such other place as the Officer shall think fit, And  
Inasmuch as we are confident the Indians do know our whole  
Magazine lies at Mattaponi, and that it is possible the Indians may  
endeavour to surpris that house first, whensoever they shall see  
any mischief, we are of opinion that some men ought to be putt into  
that house for the security of the Magazine. And for the security  
of the other Counties, we think they have done all they can, or we can  
more than to furnish Ammunition for their Rangers and Scouts for  
as Warrenton says in the Inclosure, which we were bold to open supposing  
it might give us some more light in our Indian affairs.  
We have this only to add concerning Alarms viz. since they have  
been long disused it will be necessary for the Officers first to warn  
the people to be punctual in answering them as a for sale, and then to  
make a false Alarm or two to try how they will observe ord<sup>d</sup> and then  
sufficiently to assure them that they shall no more be cheated with false  
Alarms. As to Hugh French we have him in hold and he shall be sure to  
have his share. We have considered also of the place for sitting of  
the Assembly and are of opinion that the Nat<sup>l</sup> house will be the best  
place, and to that end have given ord<sup>r</sup> for repairing the Glass Windows,  
and for dividing the Court Room from the Staires, that we go into the  
upper house without troubling the Lower house, if the weather prove very  
cold we will provide a covering to warme your Roome with  
and so we rest

Your Humble Servant

Will Calvert  
Wm Calvert  
Baker Brooke  
Henry Coursey  
Benj. Rozer

Shew upon the Govern<sup>r</sup> issued forth the following Ord<sup>r</sup> viz

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