

By the Lieutenant Gen:

Whereas I have by and with the Advice & consent of the Ldps: Council for Divers wrighty and urgent occasions relating to the State and Welfare of this Province Ordained & appointed the Genl Assembly of this Province to be held at y City of St: Maris on the Twentieth Day of the Instant October the sitting whereof may require some considerable time, During w^{ch} time not only the Delegates and their Attendants but other persons having a Business at the said Assembly, will be absent from their severall and respective Counties, whereby the same may be much weakened; Which the Indians ready to embrace and watching all Opportunities to do mischief: In a standing way probably take advantage off and endeavor to assault the Inhabitants of this Province in and about the frontiers and Outmost Plantations.

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Wherefore I do hereby will and require as also strictly charge and Command you Col: Georg: W. by forthwith upon Receipt hereof to give notice to all and singular y Inhabitants of y frontiers plantations within y precincts, & others obnoxious and liable to the assault of the Indians, that they stand upon their guard, using all ways and means possible for their defence and security from any attempts of the Indians against them. During the sitting of the sd Assembly, And that upon y first discovery of any Indian Enemy they make an Alarm by firing off their Guns distinctly one after another according to former ord: and that every house within hearing thereof answer the same by firing off One Gun, and that upon such Notice given all persons Do: repair with their Arms & Ammunition to the place from whence the first these Guns were fired to assault them (if need be) or to such other Place or places as you or the other next Officer therein shall think fit for the best discovery of the Enemy, and further you are will'd and require'd to continue the Raising of such forces and your Command as already are and hath been employ'd in the said Service giving them strict and positive ord: to range only too and fro among the plantations, and not to make any great excursions except upon the discovery and in the pursuit of an Enemy or the like imminent Occasion. And if any thing of moment shall happen within or near your precincts During the sitting of the said Assembly you are therein from time to time and as oft as occasion shall require to signify the same with all Expedition possible to my self and the Ldps: Council at y City of St: Maris, To the End that w^{ch} being rightly inform'd may take such speedy course and give you such further ord: as