

By both houses of Assembly the great grievance Our Province hath doth
 daily sustein by severall private persons dipping in their hands and
 converting to their owne particular private use severall Gunnes & other
 Armes, provisions, horses, bridles, Saddles and other things that hath pro-
 tim. to tim. been pressed for y^e Service of y^e Countrey, and satisfied and
 paid for out of y^e publick Treasury to y^e great loss and Damage of Our
 said Province in generall. And forasmuch as both our s^d House
 of Assembly did humbly desire us or Our Lieut^{en} and Council
 to issue forth proclamation for y^e calling in and securing of all such
 Gunnes and other Armes, provisions horses, bridles, Saddles & other things as
 aforesaid that have been pressed as aforesaid for y^e proper use & Service
 of the Province. It is therefore Our Will and pleasure and we do hereby
 strictly charge and command all and singular Our Inhabitants of Our said
 Province having in their possession any Gunnes, Armes, provisions, horses, -
 bridles, Saddles or other things whatsoever that have at any time hitherto
 been pressed for y^e Countreys Service, that they make known y^e same to
 the Comiss^{rs} of y^e County Court where they live at y^e next Court to be
 holden after publication hereof To w^{it} End that such of them as have
 already been satisfied & paid for out of the Publick Treasury may be by the
 said Comiss^{rs} secured and reserved only for y^e Countreys Service, and that
 such as have not been duly paid for and satisfied may be returned to
 their right Owners. In w^{it}nes of the Comiss^{rs} of our respective
 County Courts at convenient times & from time to time when and as
 often as they shall make any Discovery of any such Gunnes Armes &c.
 as aforesaid to send unto us or Our Lieut^{en} or Chief Govern^{or}
 for the time being. Which of all persons concerned are to take due Notice
 as they will answer y^e contrary at their perill. Witness our selves Our
 City of St. Marks Given under our great Seal of our s^d Province the
 eighth Day of January in the fourth year of Our Dominion &c.
 Annoq^{ue} Domini 1678.

What is taken into consideration y^e s^d State of affaires with y^e
 Indians as also all matters passed betwixt y^e Govern^{or} & Council and y^e
 Pasattoway Indians since y^e 9th Day of August last touching y^e murder
 committed on Daniel Canningham and his family at y^e head of Pettuon
 River the third of Augst last, the severall Orders of Council & other
 papers relating therunto were also read. Whereupon it was proposed by
 y^e Hon^{or}ble Lord Prop^{rietary} to the Council what Expedient was best
 to be taken for obtaining y^e Delivery up of y^e murderers.
 Which being considered by the Council they are of Opinion & do
 advise that y^e Lord Prop^{rietary} send for y^e Empero^r and great men of Pasattoway.