

Calvert Esq. Secy, ~~John~~ Thomas Taylor, Vincent Low Esq.  
 Survey Genl. & Georg: Talbot Esq. Councilors whose opinion being  
 asked therein they doe advise and it is concluded that his  
 ord<sup>r</sup> is directed to Capt. Randolph Braudt of Charles  
 County commanding him with an Squadron of his Troops consist-  
 ing of 20 Men (whom he shall think fitt) forthwith to march  
 to the Casattoway Fort there fully to informe himselfe of  
 the truth of the said Report and that for his better Informa-  
 tion therein John Stone of the same County gentl. be commanded to  
 accompanie the said Braudt to the said Fort and to afford all  
 necessary aid and assistance as an Interpreter betwixt him & the  
 I. Indians, and that both the said Braudt & John Stone render  
 an exact of their proceedings unto his Highnes by Monday next  
 the twelfth instant at furth<sup>r</sup>, in ord<sup>r</sup> whereunto the  
 said Braudt to be fully authorized and empowered to press man  
 and horse in any part of the said County for conveyance of his  
 to his Highnes and at all other times hereafter upon the like occasion  
 whensoever it may happen concerning the premises.

His Highnes Com<sup>ds</sup> was accordingly directed to Capt. Randolph Braudt  
 in the words following

Maryland

Charles Absolute Lord and Cap<sup>t</sup> of the Province of Mary<sup>l</sup>  
 and Swalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. to Capt. Randolph Braudt  
 of Charles County greeting. Whereas we are evidently informed  
 and given to understand that a considerable party of strange Indians by  
 number of about three hundred are lately come down and inforced  
 themselves nere to the Casattoway Fort in your County to the  
 great terror and amazement of the English Inhabitants in those parts  
 not knowing what their Designe may be they are therefore to authorize  
 and empower ad also strictly to charge and command you the said Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 Randolph Braudt forthwith to summon together an Squadron consist-  
 ing of twenty men of your Troops whom you shall think fitt  
 to appoint and with them well mounted and compleatly armed you  
 are to march to the Casattoway Fort there to informe your selfe as  
 fully as you can from the Indians there touching the truth of  
 the said Report, and all Circumstances thereunto relating with  
 the posture and Designe of the said strange Indians, and the present  
 State and condition of the Casattoway Indians themselves To: Give  
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