

had confidently assured him that none of the Indians had offered any
insolency to the English that he had strictly commanded his Subjects that
near the English plantations that they should upon their approach thereto
or upon their encountering any English man in the woods, lay downe their
arms and hold up their hands tyed with a white Cloth in token of peace
and Amity, that if any Indian at any time did otherwise present
himselfe the English might freely fire at them and kill them by w^{ch}
meane they might come to discover what Indians they were

Whereupon issued the following ord^r of Councill and the two severall
Commissions to Major Taylor and Capt. Henry Tripp viz

By the Lord Prop^r and Councill

Maryland for

So much as severall Complaints have been made to the Hon^{ble} R^t
Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^r in Councill of severall insolencies committed and affronts
given by severall Indians on the Eastern shore in Dorchester County who have
appeared painted and in a warlike posture to the great terror of the good People
there, And whereas the Lord Prop^r did thereupon ord^r Major Thomas Taylor and
Capt. Henry Tripp of the County aforesaid to Enquire into the premises and if need
was to address themselves to the Emperour of Nauticoke for Redress.
And whereas the said Emper^r and great men thereupon did deny that any of
the Indians had ever appeared in those parts painted or had ever affronted the
English there and for a Designe to distinguish his Subjects from other Enemy
Indians did then ord^r all his Subjects that should frequent the English Quarters
to hold up their left arms tyed about with a white Cloth in token of Amity
and to lay downe their weapons upon their approach to any English Plantation
or Encounter with any English man in the woods, and did further grant that
it should be lawfull for any English man to kill ^{any} of his Subjects that should
neglect or refuse so to do upon their approach or Encounter as aforesaid
the Lord Prop^r by the advice of his Councill did Declare that he was well satisfied
with the answer of the said Emperour, and that he did believe that the said
Emperour was resolved to stand to the peace heretofore made by the said Emperour
with his Lord Prop^r. Yet in regard the Timiquos and other Enemies of this
Province did frequently enter this Province and unchristenly shew drive
the People and Destroy them when Opportunity presented his Lord Prop^r by and
with the advice and consent of his Councill hath thought fitt to ord^r and doe
hereby ord^r the said Major Thomas Taylor to range with such and so many
of his Troope as he shall see convenient and as often as he shall think
necessary to range for discovery of such Enemies as aforesaid, and if need
be to call to his assistance Capt. Henry Tripp with as many foot as they
shall see convenient for the Quiet and security of Dorchester County as
aforesaid that the Inhabitants of the said County may keep their homes
and attend their Crops and other affairs till they shall be ord^r from his
Lord Prop^r and Councill to draw together for their mutual Defence and security

June 17: 1681:

Signed for

Henry Tripp