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Whereas Complaint hath to Us b. n. mad. of several Insolencies committed and affronts given by several Indians on the Eastern Shore in Dorchester County appearing there painted and in a warlike posture to the dread and terror of the Inhabitants of our said County, the provision whereof for the future, and for the better discovery of the Enemy We have thought fitt and do hereby by and with the advice and consent of our Councils Authorize and Empower as also strictly charge and Command You Major Thomas Taylor of the County aforesaid when and as often as occasion shall require or you shall find convenient to Range in any part of the said County with such and so many of your troops as you shall think necessary for such discovery as aforesaid And in case you shall meet with any Indians armed and painted as aforesaid you are to endeavour to speak with them and Demand of them their Nation their Business and the reason of such their warlike posture, and if they shall appear to be Enemies or shall refuse to speak with you and give you such Account as aforesaid You are to endeavour to compel them therunto by force of Arms, both wife to deal with them as a Common Enemy according to the sense of your Commission; And upon occasion you are to call to your aid and assistance Capt. Henry Tripp of your said County with a party of foot to consist of such and so many men well armed and provided as you both shall think fitt and conclude to be necessary for the end and purpose aforesaid, whose aid and Assistance the said Capt. Henry Tripp is hereby willed and required to afford you accordingly And Account of your proceedings you are from time to time (as often as shall be convenient) to remit unto Us with all convenient speed And for so Doing this shall be your warrant Given under our hand and Seal at Shrewsbury the Twentieth Day of June Anno Domini One thousand Six hundred Eighty One.

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Whereas for the Quiet and security of the Inhabitants of Dorchester County We have Authorized and Empowered Major Thomas Taylor of the said County to range with his troops (when and as often as occasion shall require) in any part of the said County for discovery of any Enemy that may attempt or design any violence or injury to the Inhabitants there; And have also given order to the said Taylor (upon occasion) to call unto his aid and Assistance Capt. Henry Tripp of the said County with a party of foot to consist of such and so many men well armed and provided as they shall think necessary and convenient for such Occasion.

We Do hereby Authorize and Empower as also charge and Command you the said Capt. Henry Tripp (when and as