

content, w^{ch} hath been done this year. The Indians at Zachaiah
doth believe they will come with a greater party & long. I am apt to
believe those Indians I treat with are not real Timiquos neither hath
any relation to those ~~old~~ Country men: peace with, my reason is. In
their Matchacomoco they surprised themselves in several parties, and
the Susquehannocks not so friendly as the rest to us; our Indians
are in a deplorable condition but more especially them which belong to
Zachaiah being destitute of all manner of food; the Inhabitants
in general of the upper parts of our County much pleased with the
troops ranging, and the Indians not coming into our plantations.
I have nothing more worth your ~~Letter~~ notice at present, as occasion
offers shall advise with the respectation of my due Obedience and
best of friend subscribe in great haste
Corobacco Park County Your ~~Letter~~ Faithfull & most Obedient Serv.
Jun: 20: 1681. Rand: Brandt

Thus superscribed
To y^e Rt Hon: Charles Lord Baltimore absolute Lord and
Proprietor of Maryland.
Left post haste for his ~~Letter~~ friend Rand: Brandt.

May it please your ~~Letter~~ 20th Jun: 1681:

I recd: your ~~Letter~~ Command relating to the Delivery of fifty pounds
of powder to M: Gordon: but do: find it cannot possibly be spared
having sold all of what was ord: into my Custody in reference to
your ~~Letter~~ Command signified in a Letter from M: Hewittin when the
powder was sent up; of which I have here sent your ~~Letter~~ application
Recd: of. Your ~~Letter~~ Command of the 16th Instant as also the former
shall be duly observed, and my small endeavour shall not be
wanting for the preservation of the Inhabitants of this County;
For News it is most certain that the strange Indians which lay by the
Zachaiah fort have carried tw: of the Zachaiah Indians away
with them notwithstanding the peace made in the presence of Capt: Brandt, and are gone; their track hath been seen by one that was hunting
for horses about the Cascadoway fort since they went away and the
track leads towards the Creek: Cap: Brandt is now gone to Zachaiah
to make what Discovery he can, and intends to take James Smallwood
along with him, he knowing that those Indians which was Detained
by the strange Indians at the fort, which if prove to be there yet will
make a great discovery there by: he intends to use his utmost to keep
them from a further Agreement, and continue ranging betw: the said
fort and the frontiers plantations of this County, which seems to be
much approved off by the Inhabitants thereof. We are Informed by the
Zachaiah