

This issued by ord. of his Excellency and Council the following Instructions to Capt. Brandt viz

Instructions for Capt. Randolph Brandt Directing & Execution of his Commission to treat with the Northern Indians that make inroads in this Province.

Since we have certain Intelligence that there hath been some Suspiciously and some Simiquos dispatched from this great party down: Cottomock with a Prisoner for their guide to try: what Indians they came Surprised, and since we have certain Intelligence that where the Susquehanna meets with the Indian or English they give no Quarter It is too apparent that the Northern Indians are desirous to treat with Capt. Brandt at the Zachariah fort is out of a design to watch an opportunity to do what Mischief they can. To prevent this for: (if possible) more murder of his Majesty's Subjects You are

1. First to Demand some Pascatoway Indians for your guide so that you may employ them as your Scouts to find out the Northern Indians in order to treat with them
2. You are to fear the Indians from all violence other than what may be offered them as they are single when out upon discovery
3. If the Foreign Indians assault you, you are to defend yourself after the best manner you can, and if overpowered to make do honor a Retreat as you may the number of the Enemy considered
4. If you come to treat with the said Indians, you are to make no peace with them but what shall equally include us and the Zachariah or Pascatoway Indians, the Mattawomanos People and all other Indians Inhabiting within this Province in peace with us and under our protection
5. In case you meet with the Northern Indians, and that they refuse to treat or do not upon treaty conclude a peace with you. You are to let them know that we have had several murders committed of late, that we do know there was some Susquehanna and some Simiquos sent down: Cottomock with a Pascatoway prisoner for their guide with order to go to the Mouth of Cottomock and so to go up to the Northward which Number of Men have been discovered in several places, that we shall have just cause to believe that these men have committed the late murders unless they come to a new peace with us, and upon this last refusal to forbid them coming near the English Plantations.
6. In case you find any Indians inclinable to make a peace you may (according to your former instructions) make them a present of a peace of Matchcoat.
7. You are to use your utmost Skill to Instruct your men to fight on Foot like Dragoons though they are horse and pistols as well as Carabines as they March, it being the surest way to resist an Indian.

Dated the first Day of July Anno Domini one thousand six hundred eighty One.
Signed by ord. of the Excellency and Council
John W. Miller Secy