

Then also issued Commissions to Capt. Randolph Brand for Capt. of a troop of horse, George Godfrey, his Lieutenant, Robert Middleton his ~~second~~ Cornet, and a blank for his Quarter Master to be filled up by himself under his ~~left~~ hand and Seal at Shrewsbury according to the common Form, as also a particular Commission to the said Capt. Brand upon this occasion being as follows

Maryland &c. Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^r of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To Captain Randolph Brand of Charles County greeting

It Remains great Troops of the Northern Indians have and do daily make incursions and incursions into this our Province to the great terror and confusion of the Inhabitants thereof, and highly to be suspected upon no good Design, we having already had some murders lately committed by strange Indians upon several good people of this Province. Wee Do therefore by and with the advice and consent of our Council hereby Authorise and empower as also strictly charge and Command you Cap^t. Randolph Brand Commander of a Troop of horse in our said County to Raue with your Troop or such and so many men thereof well mounted and armed as you shall from time to time think necessary for the Discovery of the said Indians with whom you are to endeavour by all fair waies and means possible to come to a treaty according to the Instructions from us and our Council this Day to you Directed, And in case you or any of your Troop shall be assaulted by any the said Indians or other Enemies, or that they by any waies or means offer to break peace, by open violence or privately contriving and conspiring to set upon or betray you or any of you or any English Plantation or People You are to the best of your skill knowledge and endeavour, and to the utmost of your might and power, to fall upon, pursue, fight, kill, kill, vanquish and Destroy all such Enemies, or otherwise if you shall be at any time overpowered, you are to contrive and make what you shall possibly you can with your Company for such further aid and assistance as shall be deemed necessary for your Retreat with regard had to the number and power of your Enemy according to the tenor of your said Instructions, For all which this shall be your sufficient power — Given under our hand and Seal at Shrewsbury the first Day of July in the sixth year of our Dominion &c Annoq^{ue} Domini 1681.

Wth foregoing Instructions and Commissions were enclosed in the Gold Letter to Cap^t. Brand viz
Cap^t. Brand

Yours of yesternights Date I recd. and have Communicated to my Council the contents thereof, as touching your Desir^e to entertain P^r. Hillis it is approved of and he may at any time be joined with any other