

Gentlemen

By Order of the Governor & Council of the 15th of August last I wrote to you in Relation to some Reports being spread of the tumultuous Meetings & Caballing of Negroes in your County, the Misbehaviour of some Roman Catholics, and the absence of some of the Deacons from their Places of Abode, I am now directed by the said Board to acquaint you they are desirous to know what Proceedings have been had, and what has been done upon the aforementioned Letter, that if it appears necessary proper Care may be taken for the Security of his Majesty's faithful Subjects here

His Excellency is Pleased to ask the Opinion of this Board whether the Assembly should be now called or not, Resolved in the Negative

Ordered that the following Instructions be here Entered

To Captain

Whereas the late Incursions of Indians into this Province and the Ravages they have committed in Frederick County makes it absolutely necessary for us to send a Body of Armed Men to the Western Frontiers for the future Security and Protection of the Inhabitants: You are hereby Committed & Ordered with Men of the Militia of your County under your Command to march out to the extreme Limits of this Province, Fort Cumberland, Col. Cresap's or as far westward as you shall think expedient, and act offensively against the Enemy that has done such Mischief and still infest our borders on your arrival at Frederick Town you are to shew this your Commission & Instructions to Mr James Dickson who will thereupon furnish you with a sufficient Quantity of Provisions to subsist yourself and party for five days or if you shall desire it for a longer time for which you are to pay your Receipt as you are also to do for any Arms or Ammunition that he shall also supply you with on your arrival at the Mouth of Kenegoe you are to apply to Mr George Ross for enough Provisions to subsist your party eight days or till they can reach Colonel Cresap who has Orders to furnish you with further Supplies during your Stay in that distant part of the Province which will be a Month from the day you arrive there, if Col Cresap shall think your Stay for so long a time expedient and necessary. In case the Garrison of Fort Cumberland be much reduced and weakened you are to offer your Service to the Commandant thereof and Obey his Orders during your Stay there and while he supplies your party with Provisions but if the Garrison wants no Reinforcement you are to dispose of yourself and party in the best manner you can to protect the Inhabitants & annoy the Enemy, and I would have you advise with Colonel Cresap how either can be most easily effected for the encouragement of such as will March under your Command. I have promised the Party or Person that shall take an Enemy Alive and deliver him at Stoddarts