

At a Council held at the Governors on Friday of July
Junij Domini 1762

Present

His Excellency Rorario Sharpe Esquire Governor

Benjamin Parker Stephen Boardley John Ridout Esquires

His Excellency acquaints this Board that His Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary had appointed Charles Goldborough a Member of the Council and that he attends in order to be Qualified who takes the several Oaths to the government subscribes the Abjuration and Test and takes the Oath of a Councillor who thereupon takes his Place at the Board Accordingly.

His Excellency lays before this Board the following Letter

May it Please your Excellency?

June 11th 1762 —

I have thought proper to acquaint you that there came to my House in the last of April Last past Ten warrior Indians of this six Nations who were going to war against the Cherokees and who also had a pass setting forth that they had been in actual service under General Johnston and requesting the Inhabitants through which they pass to furnish them with Provision agreeable to the Treaty of Lancaster & in consequence of my former Instructions from Governor Ogle & Bladen my family supplied them with Provisions the time they stayed at my Plantation which was three Days. They informed that three hundred men of their Nation would be along this way at the time that Corn would be waist high who otherwise designed to war against the Cherokees and as they always have and suppose always will make this their way Backwards and forwards commonly a stage for some Days which is no small Inconvenience and Expence to me as they will have Provision either by fair or foul means which unless I can get some Retaliation or Satisfaction for, as it would be very unreasonable I should Bare intirely such a sum and Expence, shall Endeavour to protect my private property either by force or otherwise I therefore recommend the Circumstances I am likely to fall under to your wise Consideration before I am compell'd (as I'm all Likelihood may be) to enter into them that I may not be Guilty should the Indians Rencounter be drawn on this Province thereby, I hope you will give me your Grand advice how to proceed in the above matter if Requisite and whether to let them have Provisions they Demanding it or Protect my Rights by force nothing is more Contain then that they will Endeavour to take it by force if Denied them otherwise. I was just now informed by two Gentlemen from Virginia that the Cherokees had lately Robed one Capt. Conisty a trader from Augusta County in Virginia to the Value of Fifteen hundred Pounds in goods and Kilked one of his men thus all we have material from those parts and not any thing worth mentioning further I am Respectfully your Excellencies Most Obedient & Very Humble Servt