

[Expedition against Indians.]

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At a Court held at S^t Maries 25th day
Novemb^r 1652

present { W^m Stone Esq Governour Collonell Francis Yard-
ley Cap^t John Price M^r Thomas Hatton, M^r Job
Chandler

Whereas a Petition was this day preferred to the Governour and Council Subscribed by M^r Phillip Conner, M^r Thomas Ringgold, M^r Henry Morgon and M^r John Phillips Commission^{rs} for the Isle of Kent County, and Exhibited in the behalf of themselves and the rest of the Inhabitants of the S^d Island expressing thereby the Great Danger they daily were in by the Easterne Shore Indians who had of late in a barbarous Cruell manner Slaine and Murdered Some of the Inhabitance there & wounded and hurt others, besides Severall other mischiefs and insolencies in Burning of houses and Goods killing of hogs & otherwise, And Earnestly Craveing that Some Speedy Course might be taken for their reliefe and asistance in the premisses, as well in Vindication of former injuries & mischiefes as alsoe (through Gods assistance, to prevent the like for the future that the Said Island might not be deserted and the Inhabitance destroyed by the bloody inhumane Cruelty of those barbarous heathens and pagons as by the Said Petition more at large appeares, The Governour and Council now present in Court together with Thomas Cornwallyes Esq and others whose advise and assistance was desired in this Case of Great concernment taking the Matter of the Said Peticōn into tender and Serious Consideracōn, In regard of the urgent pressing necessity of this occasion have thought it to be very fitt and requisite, And accordingly it is by the Said Governour and Counsell now ordered and appointed that Sufficient forces be Speedily raised for a march against the Said Easterne Shore Indians, and for that purpose every Seventh man throughout the province is to be pressed for this Service, (Counsellors, Commissioners, and other officers and persons of publick Employments within this Province and others usually freed in Cases of this Nature Excepted) and that the Sheriff or other officer to be appointed in Every County by the Governour or Commander or Comissioners of Such County for this Employ^{nt} Soe neare as he Can to presse the ablest and fittest man amongst every Seven for this Service, together with Such convenient Number of boats and other Vessells for transportacōn well fitted as the Governour Shall conceive fitting and Necessary to be used upon this Expedition, and it is further ordered that every the Sixe persons

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