

Mattapony 26<sup>th</sup> 1680: Lib. R.

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This serves to advise of the Receipt of Coll Taylors Letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant with the Inclosed from Coll George Wells directed to his L<sup>spp</sup>: and this Day produced and read in Council, by whose ord<sup>r</sup> this may give you both to und<sup>r</sup>stand that your proceedings therein & breakeing open the said Letter from Coll Wells hath been noe waies approved off by his L<sup>spp</sup>: and his Council who conceive themselves most neerely concerned and ought to have the first peruseall, Wherefore for the future you are Desired to give all speedy Conveyance to all publick Lett<sup>s</sup> without adventuring to breake any open without ord<sup>r</sup>s as you have done this, but that you give way to his L<sup>spp</sup>: and his Council (who are to give ord<sup>r</sup>s in all publick affaires) to have the first view and insight into the Letters and Papers thereunto relateing. Whereof you are to take due Cognizance.

Signed p ord<sup>r</sup>

To Thomas Tailler Esq<sup>r</sup> and J Ll: Cl Consil  
Coll W<sup>m</sup> Burges of Anne Arrundell County  
These.

At a Council held at Battle Towne at the house of Michael Tawny the first Day of June Anno. 1680.

The R<sup>tt</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> }  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> { Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chancelo<sup>r</sup> } P<sup>r</sup>sent  
                  { L<sup>tt</sup> Coll Henry Darnall }

At w<sup>ch</sup> place his L<sup>spp</sup>: recd: a Lett<sup>r</sup> from Cap<sup>ta</sup> Randolph Brandt of Charles County the contents whereof are as followeth viz.

R<sup>tt</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>

In obedience to yo<sup>r</sup> L<sup>spps</sup> Commands of the 23<sup>th</sup> instant have communicated the Last ord<sup>r</sup> of Council both to the Empero<sup>r</sup> and greate men of Pascattoway as also to the King and greate men of Mattawoman, M<sup>r</sup> John Stone appointed to conferr p. 127 with them, doe say that the Mattawomans will not remooove but will Defend their Interest to their utmost power, and when they can hold out noe longer, they will thrust themselves amongst the English; they alsoe say they are become Enemies to the Susquehannohs and all other Indians through our meanes and for that reason will not leave us; They are also much concerned for their Indian killed at Cap<sup>t</sup> Aspinolls, what they alleadge is that a boate arrived out of Virginia at said Aspinolls with some liquor & other goods, whereupon the said Aspinoll gave notice to the King of Mattawoman