

Coll Wells sent downe to his L^{spp}: and it was approved of by Lib. R. him and noe waies countermanded; I had noe reason but to observe it also, thereupon there have been severall parties that have ranged and marched out w^{ch} have been allowed off and noe waies contradicted. I hope I have committed noe offence in marching to the assistance of the Distressed, and placing those in their plantations that were fled

John Waterton

June the 10th 1680:

May it Please

Yo^r L^{spp}: This Day I recd: a Letter from Majo^r Long that informes me that upon the view of the Inhabitants of Potapscoe hundred he finds them very weeke, and not able to assist one another, the strongest ffamilies being but weake & Desires tenn or twelve men to be raised to strengthen the ffrontires to keepe them from deserting and in obedience to yo^r L^{spps} ord^r I have sent to Coll W^m Burges for the same Quantity being not able to raise them noe part of this County, but doe hope that we shall not neede noe more unless an open warr does breake out w^{ch} God forbid; I have also given notice to the Inhabitants of Cæcill County as yo^r L^{spp}: ordered me, and have now found the ord^r w^{ch} M^r Waterton reflects upon in his answer, a Cobby whereof I sent yo^r L^{spp}: the last yeare, w^{ch} yo^r L^{spp} approved off, least it may not be ready at hand I have Inclosed sent yo^r L^{spp} another Cobby that it may appeare how close M^r Waterton kept to his ord^s the men that marched und^r his Command were not ashamed to owne that they would ha' killed any Indians that they mett withall be they what they would, and because the Instructions I sent him did not please him he Incensed the people against me insoemuch that when they heard I by your L^{spps} ord^r had called him before me, they were disturbed and said it were better I had not Done it as I am now informed by M^r Jacob Jenifer, his Evill nature is such that unless yo^r L^{spp} will be pleased to putt him out of all Office wherein I am Hon^{red} in serveing yo^r L^{spp} I must begg that yo^r L^{spp} in favour will putt out me, for he has his parties at Court and else where that sayes they will stand by him with their bloods what the meaneing is I know not, but this two of yo^r L^{spps} Justices heard one say and severall others have not been ashamed to affront yo^r L^{spps} Justices in Court and at Court time and never reprooved by him though p^rsent, if your L^{spps} doubts of the truth of it be pleased to Inquire of Majo^r Long and M^r Miles Gibson who are Eye Witness. The powd^r I have weighed and Cask and all it weighs two hundred & Seaventy p^{ds} and the four Rundletts of shott weighs 58 & 59 one with the other Cask and all, I have sent