

Liber B. The above mentioned is a true Coppy of a paper sent to
 P. R. O. Patuxen the abovesaid day p: M^r James Biggers
 p M^r Edward Pye.

You are hereby commanded to keep ten or twelve men in Armes to Range the woods betweene patuxen and patomack till the provintiall Court be over or till further order from the Council and upon any discovery of Indians appearing in Hostile manner to give speedy notice thereof to the Council And likewise to have a Deligent Eye upon the motions of the Virginians and if they should attempt a landing on this side to use your Endeavour to prevent their Attempts And signify the same to the Council with all speed For all wch doeing this shall be your warrant Given under my hand and seale this 28th day of March 1689:
 To Maj^r Ninian Beale

Honrd Sir

I am to acknowledge the favour of yours and Coll Jowles Letter which I received by the hands of M^r Clarke and indeed it is of that moment that it speaks peace and quiet to the disturbed minds of our Inhabitants violently carried into ruinous Imaginacōns partly moved by their owne inclinations and encouraged thereunto by the inconsiderate and over hasty intelligence of some of your province And that you may be knowing that I speak not this by guess M^r Clarke has taken coppies of two letters of two Gentlemen of Charles County which when you have read you will conclude them (as I doe) to be of that consequence as to move moderate and considerate persons And therefore of power sufficient and violently to stirr up the rash and heady mobile But I thank God I have now a fair sight of order from confusion For (even now by a post come from Stafford I have received Intelligence that the feares and Jealousies of the people there is much
 p. 227 abated, And as you have with all prudence mannaged and governed the uneasie minds of your people soe wee have not been wanting here to give them the best satisfacōn wee could and to take off the Clamours against Capt Brent and to justify his innocency wee ordered his house to be searched for Armes and Amunicōn and directed him to take up his being at Coll Fitzhughes where the people might be assured he could not converse with any designing any ill against the Inhabitants wee have also the last weeke ordered some people to be ranging for the security of the Inhabitants And as wee have not bin wanting in our care for the preservation of the peace and quiet of this Country soe wee shall be as watchfull in the