

Resource Sheet #4

p. 205 Then issued by ord^r of his L^{dspp} and Council these following Instructions to Capt^a Brandt viz.

Instructions for Capt^a Randolph Brandt directing the Execution of his Commission to treat with the Northern Indians that make inroads in this Province.

Since we have certain Intelligence that there hath been tenn Susquehannohs and tenn Sinniquos dispatch'd from this greate party downe Pottomock with a Prisoner for their guide to trye what Indians they cann surprise, and since we have certain Intelligence that where the Susquehannohs meete either Indian or English they give noe Quarter. It is too apparent that the Northern Indians refuseing to treat with Captⁿ Brandt at the Zachaiah ffort is out of a designe to watch an oportunity to doe what mischiefe they cann To prevent therefore (if possible) more murder of his Majesties Subjects You are

1: ffirst to Demand Tenn Pascattoway Indians for your guides that soe you may employ them as your Scoutes to find out these Northern Indians in order to treat with them.

2: You are to secure these Indians from all violence other then what may be offered them as they are single when out upon discovery

3: If the forreigne Indians assault you, you are to defend yourself after the best manner you cann, and if overpowered to make as hon^{ble} a Retreat as you may the number of the Enemys considered.

4: If you come to treat with the said Indians, you are to make noe peace with them but what shall equally include us and the Zachiah or Pascattoway Indians, the Mattawomans Choptico and all other Indians Inhabiting within this Province in peace with us and under our protection

5: In case you meete with the Northern Indians, and that they refuse to treat or doe not upon treaty conclude a peace with you. You are to lett them know that we have had severall murders committed of late, that we doe know there was tenn Susquesahannohs and tenn Sinniquos sent downe Pottomock with a Pascattoway prisoner for their guide, with ord^r to goe to the mouth of Pottomock and soe to goe up to the Northward which number of men have been discovered in severall

places, & that we shall have just cause to beleive that these Lib. R. men have committed the late murders unless they come to a new peace with us, and upon this last refuseall to forbid them comeing neere the English Plantations.

6: In case you find the Indians inclinable to make a peace you may (according to your former instructions) make them a present of a peace of Matchcoate.

7: You are to vse your utmost skill to Instruct your men to fight on foote like Dragoones though they vse horse and pistolls as well as Carabines as they march, it being the surest way to resist an Indian.

Dated the first Day of July Anno Dmi one thousand Six hundred Eighty One

Signed by ord^r of his L^{dspp} and Councill
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Then also issued Commissions to Captⁿ Randolph Brandt p. 206 for Captⁿ of a troope of horse George Godfrey his Leivetenant, Robert Middleton his Cornett, and a blank for his Quarter Master to be filled up by himself under his L^{dspps} hand and Seale at Armes according to the common forme, as also a particular Comission to the said Captⁿ Brandt upon this occasion being as foll viz

Maryland ss: Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^{ty} of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c. To Captain Randolph Brandt of Charles County greeteing

Whereas greate Troopes of the Northern Indians have and doe daily make inroades and incursions into this our Province to the greate terror and confusion of the Inhabitants thereof, and highly to be suspected upon noe good Designe, we haveing already had some murders lately committed by strange Indians upon severall good people of this Province Wee Doe therefore by and with the advice and consent of our Councill hereby Authorise and empower as also strictly charge and Command you Cap^t Randolph Brandt commander of a troope of horse in our said County to Range with your troope or such and soe many men thereof well mounted and armed as you shall from time to time think necessary for the Discovery of the said Indians with whom you are to endeavour by all faire waies and meanes possible to come to a treaty according to the Instructions from us and our Councill this Day to you Directed, And in case you or any of your Troope shall be assaulted by any the said Indians or other Enemies, or that they by any waies or meanes offer to breake peace, by open violence or privately contriveing and conspiring to sett upon

Lib. R. or betray you or any of you or any English Plantation or People You are to the best of your skill knowledge and endeavour, and to the utmost of your might and power, to fall upon, pursue, fight, take, kill, vanquish and Destroy all such Enemys, or otherwise if you shall be at any time overpowered, you are to contrive and make what hon^{ble} retreat possibly you can with your Company for such further aid and assistance as shall be Deemed necessary for your Recrute with regard had to the number and power of your Enemy according to the teno^r of your said Instructions; for all which this shall be your sufficient power.

Given under our hand and Seale at Armes this first Day of July in the sixth year of our Dominion &c Annoq Domini 1681:

W^{ch} foregoeing Instructions and Comissions were enclosed in the foll Letter to Cap^t Brant viz

Cap^t Brandt

Yours of yesterdays Date I recd: and have Communicated to my Council the contents thereof, as touching your Desire to entertain Peter Achellis it is approved off and he may at
p. 207 any time be joined with any other Indian Interpreter as you shall see occasion, ffor the rest of your Letter the Commissions and Instructions inclosed will fully answer, your constant care in adviseing of all Occurrences I commend and Desire y^u to continue the same to Your Lo. friend
St Maries July p^{mo} 1681: C: Baltmore

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