

The said Susquehannoughs have hitherto & lately desired to come
to a treaty of Peace with his said Lordps & have for some time
since the said event and submitted themselves to & put themselves
under the protection of the King's or some other Nation of Indians
residing to the Northward of this Province & within or near unto the
Territories of his ^{Royal} Highness the Duke of York. Know ye that I have
constituted ordained appointed & authorized as I do hereby consti-
tute ordain appoint & authorize Henry Coursey Esq. one of his Lordps
Council for this Province as Envoy or Ambassador or Envoy to treat with
& conclude a firm peace with the said Susquehannoughs Indians
or any other Indians now unknown to us inhabiting or residing
to the Northward of us within or without the Territories of his
said Royal Highness & from whom we have already received
injury or may hereafter reasonably suspect we may receive
injury by the confederacy between them & the said Susquehannoughs
upon such reasonable terms as to him shall seem meet and
convenient according to his Instructions And soasmuch as the
said Indians do now reside for the most part within the Territory
of his said Royal Highness or at least cannot be treated with but
by a journey to be had through his said Highness's Territory I do hereby
constitute ordain appoint & authorize the said Henry Coursey to treat
with Edmund Andros Esq. Seigneur of Sausarrez Lieut. & Governour
Genl under his Royal Highness James Duke of York & Albany
of all his Territories in America & to desire leave to pass through
the said Territory under his Government to the treaty with the
Indians aforesaid & to request his Assistance in the procuring of a
firm peace for all his Ma^{ty} Subjects in his Ma^{ty} Colony of
Virginia as well as for those of this Province with the Indians aforesaid
wherefore I do request that the aforesaid Henry Coursey (according
to the Law of Nations) may be received credited & believed
promising to Ratify confirm & approve whatsoever shall be done
by him in the premises according to the my Commission as if it were
done by my selfe Given at St. Mungers under my hand & the great
Seal of this Province this thirtieth day of April in the second
year of his Lordps Dominion Anno Domini 1677

(Instructions)