

Whereas by an Order of Councill dated this day you together wth
 M^r. Thomas Blake of Salter County have been jointly and severally
 Commissionated authorized and empowred to treat with a party of
 Strange Foreign Indians lately come and seated at the head
 of the Bay in your County, and on your Sund as is Informed &
 to endeavour by all fair means and civill treatment imaginable
 to Invite and Perswade the French man and some other of the
 Chief Men Indians among them to come down and enter into
 a League of Peace and Amity with this Government as in such
 Cases as is usuall and as they pretend to desire You are therefore
 hereby strictly charged and commanded accordingly to use all
 Civill treatment towards the said Indians and endeavour by all
 the fair means and good words imaginable to invite the said
 French man and two or three ^{others} of their great men to come down
 voluntarily to S^t. Marys in order to treat with me or with me and
 the Councill touching a League of Peace and Amity to be settled and
 Concluded on betwixt us, but in case they shall refuse to come upon
 such Invitations as aforesaid or shall thereupon offer to remove or
 fly from the Parks where they are seated and thereby appear to
 be Enemies under a disguise of friendship designing mischief as
 is much doubted and suspected then you are further hereby autho-
 rized and empowred charged and Comanded forthwith to surprize
 and privately secure if Possible or otherwise by force of Arms to
 Apprehend seize and take the said French man and with all speed
 Carry him under a safe convenient and sufficient Guard to the
 City of S^t. Marys there to receive further orders Concerning him and
 also to cause the Militia of your County under your Command well &
 compleatly Armed and provided to be ready at an Hours warning
 to oppose resist and repell all such attempts insolencies and Injuries
 as may happen to be offered or done by any of the said Indians or
 others to any of their Majestys Subjects in your Parts or Precincts & to
 Pursue take kill Conquish and destroy the Persons offering or attempt-
 ing the same according to the tenor of your Commission & such
 further orders and Instructions as you shall hereafter receive from
 me or from my self and the Councill and lastly in this and all