

right & tyle here, soe clearely due to him, to the will & malice of such rebellious spiritts: & shall not doubt but the aduiso<sup>rs</sup> abetto<sup>rs</sup> & euen the most priuate suggesto<sup>rs</sup> as well as the open acto<sup>rs</sup> of such outrages, will in their due time bee brought to light shame & confusion. Thus in a confident exspectaōn of some speedy stay by yo<sup>r</sup> Authority to these intended mischeifes of Cap<sup>t</sup> Hills, uppon this Colony so much recommended to yo<sup>r</sup> protection & assistance by his Ma<sup>tyes</sup> Irēs. I rest,

Yo<sup>r</sup> humble seru<sup>t</sup>  
Tho: Greene.

Edors. To the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup>  
Berkeley Kn<sup>t</sup> Gouverno<sup>r</sup>  
of Virginia these p<sup>t</sup>.

[Commission to John Price.]

Locus + Sigilli Whereas sundry the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of this Prouince p. 75  
haue susteyned diuers great losses in their estates by the  
Indians of Nantacoke & Wicomick (enimies of this Prouince)  
who making incursions here, haue assayled & sett uppon diuers  
the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of this Prouince afores<sup>d</sup> exequuting (as far as in  
them lay) their barbarous intentions & mischeifs. And whereas  
diuers insolencies, rapines, murthers, & other barbarous cruelties  
haue bene committed committed by the fores<sup>d</sup> Indians, uppon p. 76  
diuers the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of this Prouince by the way of trade. And  
whereas likewise uppon satisfaction to be gyuen by the Indians  
afores<sup>d</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Indians haue had diuers ouertures of Peace made  
unto them, by the late Gouverno<sup>r</sup> who not w<sup>th</sup>standing still  
persist in their wicked, & barbarous intentions towards us. By  
uertue of his L<sup>ps</sup> Commis<sup>n</sup> in th<sup>t</sup> behalfe granted to his Gouverno<sup>r</sup>  
for the time being bearing date att S<sup>t</sup> Maries ffort Año 1647.  
18<sup>th</sup> Septemb<sup>r</sup> I doe hereby authorize Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Price to take 30  
or 40 such able men, as he shall thinke fitt, & make choyce of,  
for th<sup>t</sup> purpose, w<sup>th</sup> sufficient Armes, prouision, & Ammunition  
& them to imbarke in such Vessell or Vessells, as he the s<sup>d</sup>  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Price shall thinke fitt & conuenient: And w<sup>th</sup> the s<sup>d</sup>  
men to goe ou<sup>r</sup> unto the Townes & Plantaōns of the Indians of  
Nantacoke & Wicomick afores<sup>d</sup> lying to the Eastward of this  
Prouince, & then & there to imploy his uttmost endeauo<sup>r</sup>, skill  
& force, by what meanes hee may, in destroying the s<sup>d</sup> Nations,  
as well by Land as by water; eyther by killing them, taking  
them prisoners burning their howses, destroying their Corne,  
or by any other meanes, as (in his best discretion) he shall iudge  
conuenient. And I doe hereby requyre him the s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup>  
Price, th<sup>t</sup> hee make noe destribution, or diuision of any plunder,  
or pillage w<sup>soeuer</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> shall be gayned, or taken by any soldier  
or soldiers, during the s<sup>d</sup> uoyage, from any the fores<sup>d</sup> Indians,