

His Excellency is pleased to ask the Indians if the Land be run out according to Ordinance of Assembly & they say that it is not Lib. X

The said Indians are advised as long as the Rogues the Piscattoways are out always to take passes that they may be known & more freely Suffered to pass And repass

His Excellency tells them that as long as they behave themselves well they will be friendly looked upon & Protected by this Government that he could have the Emperor of Piscattoway & his Indians knocked in the head but that he lets them alone to be sick & Starve in the Mountains & now they are coming in again

The Choptank Indians say that one William Drawer by Chance snapping of a Gun Shott one of their Women which is dead the Indians say that about one hundred men of them are dead on the Eastern Shore And Complain that some of the English forwarne them from hunting upon their Land p. 81

Ordered that the Indians complaint & what they now Said be sent to Major Thomas Ennals and M^r Thomas Hicks the Magistrates appointed by act of Assembly to decide Differences between the English and Indians

And the following Letter signed by his Excellency was given the said Indians who were told not to give Credit to any Flying Storys but always apply themselves to the Gentlemen appointed by act of Assembly to decide differences between the English & them

Port of Annapolis July the 11th 1698

Gentlemen

By the Inclosed you will see the Indians Complaint which they make to me about their Lands &c^a therefore to the end no Misunderstanding may happen between them & us I do command you to make due Enquiry thereinto & endeavor to settle that matter with them which if you cannot do, you are required to send an Acco^t thereof to the Council about the 8th of September next at Annapolis where it will be considered & adjusted I am

To Lieu^t Col^l Tho Ennals &
Major Tho Hicks Magistrates
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for deciding Differences be-
tween the English & Indians

Your affectionate Friend
Fra Nicholson

The Nanticoke Indians present his Excellency with a Piece of Wampum of which he took a small piece & returned them p. 82