

Lib. J. R. the Indians of Dorchester County whereon they apprehend
& U. S. some Encroachments have been made and having con-
sidered thereof they recommend it to his Excellency to Nomi-
nate Some Proper Person to Examine into the Affair.

Jemmy Cohonk and Bishop with Some other of the Nanti-
coke and choptank Indians Present to his Excellency the
following Petitions and Papers

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor of Mary-
land.

The Petition of the Nanticoke Indians of Dorchester
County.

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners and their Ancestors till of Late
years have constantly been Governed by Emperors, but as
we have no Person at Present among our tribes Invested with
such Power of Government, We beg that your Excellency
would be Pleased to Appoint Peter Monk to be Emperor of
the said Nanticoke Indians.

And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Pray.

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Abraham 9 Bishop	John C Williams	Naomy 6 Prince
mark	mark	mark
his	his	her
Thomas T Bishop	Thomas 7 Joshua	Anne A Cohonk
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Dorchester County. We the Nanticoke Indians whose
Names are hereunto Subscribed Assembled together at Nan-
ticoke Indian Town in Dorchester County do hereby Nomi-
nate Constitute choose and appoint our well beloved Brother
George Poakaleyhouse a Nanticoke Indian to be our chief
and head Indian in and Over the Indian Town of Nanticoke
in Dorchester County aforesaid giving him the said George
Poakalyhouse full Power and Authority in and over the
said Town of Nanticoke to Act and do in all Things as
chief and head of the said Nanticoke Indians giving him the
said George Poacatyhouse full Power and Authority to