

May it Please your Excellency

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At the Request of the Nanticoke Indians I take the Liberty to acquaint your Honour that I have been Acquainted with the aforesaid Indians Forty two years (my Place of Residence being a part of their Town) and very well know George Pocatehouse or Pocatous as some call him to be a Decendant from the family of old Panquash one of those Indians to whom his Lordship gave the grant for the Nanticoke Town Lands and Likewise that William Cohonk is a Descendent from the Aforesaid Nanticoke Indians, Cohonks Mother lived with me from a Girl and I was Acquainted with her until her Death and that she was the Daughter of old Panquash as aforesaid and farther that Peter Monk is a Descendent from the Indian River Indians in Worcester County, and no ways allied to the Nanticoke Indians as I have been Informed by the old Nanticoke Indians who I have Often heard Speak of Monks Family. Thomas Hackett I have Often heard speak of the same Indians and to the same Purpose of what I have Related, I am about Seventy Four years of age and am unable to wait on your Honour but will at any Time if Required make Oath to the Above Contents and am.

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Your Excellencys most Obed^t Hble Serv^t

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Mary M Cratcher

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April 3^d 1759

P. S. Solomon Wright who is Son to old Edward Wright who was the Indian Interpreter in the first Setling here knows the same as is abovesaid.

Which being Read and considered of and upon hearing what the Indians Present had to say on behalf of Peter Prince and Pocatehouse This Board are of Opinion that Pocatehouse has the best Right to be made Chief Man of the said Indians, with which Opinion his Excellency Agrees and Acquaints the Indians thereof and they seemed Well Pleased.

The said Indians then Addressed themselves to the Governor in the following Manner.

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Governor in Council Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

Brother we the Heard Swamp Bapco and Other the Indians and all our Brother Indians do now once more Present our selves that is two or three of our Indians as a scattered Remnant of a confused Nation Come to see you once more