

therefore any Settlement hath been made on Lands to which the Indians have any Pretensions it has not been by Persons claiming Protection under this Government, and your Lordship may be assured that I shall never countenance the making any Settlement that can Possibly give the Indians the least Cause of Offence and if any of the Inhabitants of this Province shall injure them in any respect I will endeavour to have the Offender Punished; but as there are on the Frontiers of this Province Persons that Support themselves by Hunting and among them Men of no Character or Principle It will I am afraid be impossible to prevent such from going and building Houses or Cabbins beyond the Limits prescribed by the Royal Proclamation unless the Military to the Westward of these Provinces are directed to destroy such Houses and otherwise to punish such Offenders. Should I hear of any Transaction within or in the Neighbourhood of this Province likely to give the Indians any uneasiness I shall immediately advise both General Gage and S^r William Johnson thereof, and will use all means in my Power to prevent the ill Consequences of such Uneasiness and to preserve Peace and Harmony between the Neighbouring Indians and his Majesty's Subjects in this Province.

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Hor^o Sharpe.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 9th December in the Sixteenth year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1766.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The honble Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Daniel Dulany Esq^r and John Ridout Esq^r

The following Depositions of Thomas Bowles, John Cary and Arthur Charlton were taken before this Board.

Thomas Bowles being Examined and Sworn deposeth and saith that he understood by Report that there was a Meeting some time in the Month of November of many People at one of the Dutch Houses in Frederick Town to Sign a Petition to the Assembly to pass the Journal which was offered to this Deponent to Sign which this Deponent objected to being Indecent, (by M^r Tho^s Price) this Deponent further saith that Cap^t Shelby lodged two or three days in a Private manner at his House in Frederick Town at one of the Adjourned November Courts but that he cannot Recollect the Precise time