

Public in anywise notwithstanding. This Act to Endure for three years or  
 Record to the end of the next Sessions of Assembly which shall first happen.  
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An Act for quieting the Differences arising between the Indians and  
 English in private Controversys.

Because many differences have heretofore arisen & hereafter may  
 arise between the Indians belonging to the Nations of Indians under  
 our protection & freindship and dwelling amongst us & the English  
 in private & personall matters which for want of a convenient and  
 speedy way of determining cause great trouble & inconveniency to  
 Partys concerned as well the offended as offenders their being no  
 reguler way of hearing and determining the same but by the Governour  
 & Council which would be very chargable to the Province  
 by bringing them hither for the prevention whereof for the future  
 and giving speedy redress in such cases Bee it Enacted by the Kings  
 Most Excellent Maj<sup>ty</sup> etc. that the Persons hereafter in this Act  
 mencōned be and are appointed authorized & Impowred dureing  
 the continuance of this Act upon application to him or them made  
 to hear and determine all differences quarrells & controversies that  
 hereafter may happen to arise between any Indians & English,  
 to [sic] private & personall controversies in their severall & respec-  
 tive precincts, That is to say for the Nation of Choptico Indians in  
 St. Marys County & the English Inhabitants adjacent M<sup>r</sup> Richard  
 Cloud & M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Foster & for the Nations of Ackocick Nan-  
 jemoy Pomunky & Piscattoway and those that Inhabit within  
 Charles & Prince Georges County & the English Inhabitants there-  
 unto adjacent Col<sup>t</sup> John Addison & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hatton, And for the  
 Indians in or on the frontiers of Ceecill County & the English there-  
 unto adjacent Co<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Peirce & Maj<sup>r</sup> John Thompson And for those  
 Nations of Indians of Nanticock Babcoes Ahatchwoops in Dorchester  
 County and the inhabitants thereunto adjacent Maj<sup>r</sup> Tho: Ennols &  
 M<sup>r</sup> Tho: Hicks and for those Nations of Indians of Manoakin  
 Rockawakinmany and others in Summersett County & the In-  
 habitants thereunto adjacent Walter Laine & Rowland Bevons who  
 are hereby authorized and Impowred to hear and determine all Per-  
 sonall differences that may happen or arise between the Indians and  
 English provided the same be only private & of no great moment or  
 consequence not tending to a nationall concerne in all such cases &  
 where either party desire to appeal to the Govern<sup>r</sup> and Council or  
 refuse to observe & performe such Sentence of such persons ap-  
 pointed as aforesaid in all such cases the persons appointed to hear  
 and determine such matters shall transmitt the partys over to the  
 Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council and make report to the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council how  
 he findes the matter between the partys, And any partys that shall  
 wilfully and contemptiously refuse or neglect to obey & performe  
 the order & determination of such person or persons so appointed as