

committee that any compensation was ever made to the said colonel Rider, or any other person

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
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That it appears from the said papers, that George Kirkman and the heirs of colonel William Ennals, do also claim lands within the boundaries of the said tract laid out by the act of 1704, but that these lands were surveyed and granted since the making of that act. It does not appear to your committee, on the best enquiry they are at present able to make, that there are any indian claimants of the land appropriated by the act of 1704, or by the act of 1711, other than those who have subscribed the petition laid before your honorable house; and from the best information your committee can obtain, there are now only one indian woman, and two indian boys settled on the land mentioned in the act of 1704, and none on the land laid out under the act of 1711 tho' they still claim the last mentioned land which now lies within the three lower counties of Delaware by the late running of the provincial lines

Your committee beg leave further to report, that it does not appear to them that any of the Maryland indians except the petitioners, are desirous of removing out of this province; but on the contrary, that the Choptank indians chuse to continue amongst us and enjoy the benefit of the public provision for them. All which is humbly submitted to the consideration of your honorable house. p. 406

Sign'd p order John Duckett clk com.

The house concurs with the report

His excellency communicated to M.^r speaker the following message:

Gentlemen of the lower house of assembly,

Your address in answer to my speech at the opening of this session demands my acknowledgements, and I thank you for your promise to give due attention to the several matters I recommended to your consideration

Hor^o Sharpe

M.^r Thomas Key, a delegate returned for saint Marys County; M.^r William Smallwood, and M.^r John Hanson delegates returned for Charles County; appeared in the house

Ordered that M.^r Wolstenholme, M.^r Eden, and M.^r Ware do go with those gentlemen to the upper house to see them qualified. They return and acquaint M.^r speaker they saw them qualified in the usual manner.

The gentlemen took their seats in the house

On reading the petition of the Nanticoke indians, and the report of the committee appointed to state the facts relating to indian affairs: It is resolved that the said petition be rejected; and that M.^r Johnson, M.^r Hollyday M.^r Ringgold, M.^r Hayward, M.^r Allen, and M.^r Sulli-