

Ordered att a Prouinciall Court
held the 10th Octobr 1665 (uizt)

Whereas to be Remembred that this Eleaventh day October one thousand six hundred sixty five Came to the Governor and Councell in Provinciall Court assembled Nancotamon one of the greate men of Mattawoman & desired to know what was the Governo^{rs} pleasure to doe with his nacōn (vizt) whether he would have them Remove further of into the woods or to re-mayne vpon the land where they now or lately lived, for they were ready to Obey his Comānds, Wherevpon the Governo^r desired the opinion of the Councell whether itt were fitt to drive the said Indians further of or otherwise to Continue them still vpon their Ould habitacōn where they are within our Comand. And itt was the generall opinion of the bord that itt was most for the safety of the Province to Continue them neere us as being more vnder our Comand.

And therevpon Ordered

That the Mattawoman Indians doe remaine vpon their ould Habitacōns till further Order, And further itt is Ordered that their land be with all Convenient speed laid out for them by certeine Meets & bounds within which noe English man shall take vp any land, And for as much as the generall peace and safety of the Province is more pretious then the Private Convenience of any perticuler persons whatsoever itt is also
p. 246 Ordered that noe English man shall seate for the future in any place within three Miles of the Indians in Charles County without Expresse order of the Governor and Councell first had and obteyned vpon payne of Twelve Months Imprisoment to Every person that shall soe Seate

Cæcilius &c To Samuel Withers Robert Barle Cap^t W^m Burges Thomas Taylor Roger Gross Thomas Besson Anthony Sallaway Richard Ewens George Puddington & Samuel Chew gent Greeting Know ye that wee for the great trust & Confidence wee have in yo^r fidellityes Circumspeccōns providences & wisdomes have Constituted Ordained and appointed & doe by these p^rsents constitute Ordaine and appoint you the said Samuel Withers Robert Burle Cap^t W^m Burges Thomas Taylor Roger Gross Thomas Besson Anthony Sallaway Richard Ewens George Puddington & Samuel Chew gent Comissioners Jointly and seu^rally to keepe the peace in Arrundell County, And to keepe and cause to be kept all Lawes and Ord^{rs} made for the good & Conservacon of the peace And for the quiet rule & governm^t of the people in all & every the Articles of the same And to Chastise and punish all persons offending ag^t the forme of any the Lawes and Ord^{rs} of this our prouince