

approbation, and so ordered him to send them into Anne Arrundell County for conveyance, upon all which I sent the Chancelor my reflections upon the said Intelligence, my opinion how to proceed, treat with or against all manner of Indians as soone as the Spring approaches, for if wee be not timely in adjusting all matters with them at spring, we shall be surpris'd by them, and your Lordshipp's Province will receive much damage, before wee are sensible from whence our Mischief proceeds, therefore I shall take all imaginable care to be at peace both with the Sennico and Susquahannoch, especially with the Sennico if to be obtained, they being the greatest and most considerable Nation, and our league with them will occasion our security from the Delaware or Masquas Indians, especially if those two Nations should warre upon each other, then it will occasion the Masquas not to make those excursions he usually doth, and invade us, which otherwise it's probable he may, especially if the Susquahannoch and they confederate they being both Nations the bloodiest people in all these parts of America. The Copy of mine to the Chancelor and his answer and concurrence with my opinion upon the whole I also herewith send your Lordship for your perusal and consideration, so as to the Indian affair I shall need say no more, onely to lett you know, that the Pascattaway Indians and the small nations thereabouts, as also the easterne shore Indians are all at present neibourly and quiett, and as yett wee have no reason to suspect they will bee otherwise; God grant us to enjoy peace with them all, for this last publicke leavy being 297 p pole and the great leavy the yeare before, hath given occasion for malignant spiritts to mutter, and without our great care of your Lordshipp's affairs may cause some of them to mutiny, for the common people will never be brought to understand the just reason of a publicke charge, or will they ever believe that the expences for their own preservation, although never so apparent. Since General Davis and Pate were hanged the Route hath been much amazed and apaled. God be thanked wee now enjoy peace among ourselves, and though never Body was more repleat with Malignancy and Frenzy then our people were about August last, and they wanted but a monstrous head to their monstrous body. But God be thanked wee now enjoy peace, and have greater reason to hope for its continuance, then wee have had this 12. month past. for about 25 or 20 days since there hath occurred the greatest Revolution in the Virginia affaires, that can possibly be imagined, for as the beginning of their Rebellion was grounded upon madnesse and folly, and so continued in its whole progresse, so the wheele hath turned againe as wonderfully and swiftly, in the submission of all the chief