

called the Pascattoways and Nanticokes, and in Virginia with the Pamunkeys & Nanzaticoes on Rappahanock River in that Colony) I and my Counsel did resolve to make our addresses to New Yorke to see what favour & assistance, that Government will afford us; being well assured, that 'tis in their power to keepe these mischiefes from the inhabitants of either of these Colonys, if they please, for 'tis from that Government these Villians receive their yearly supplies of powder and shott, without which they would not venture so low, as every year they have done, since my last return to Maryland. I shall within a month hope to see the Gentleman returned with an answer, and if we find no more readines & favour from that Government then Col: Coursey did from Sir Edmund Andros about five or six years since, (at which time there were some Articles made with those Indians, Coppy whereof you have by you) we must then make our humble addresses to His most sacred Majestie, and the Lords of His Majestie's most honourable Privy Council. When I was last in England I met with Sir Edmund Andros at St James', and he was very apprehensive least I should have made some complaint to His Royal Highness against him, for the great obstruction he had given Colonel Coursey in his negotiation at Fort Albany, and had he not made great asseverations of his future readines to serve Maryland whenever we should have occasion to renew those same (by his meanes) articles, that had been made by the said Coursey, I had certainly complained to his Highness of him, which (at that time) would (as he very well knew) have been of great prejudice to him; he lying then under a charge, brought against him by some merchants, and dealers to that Government. The reason of my sending the other enclosed Coppy is to let you see how unkind and unneighbourly William Penn has been, who (afore he could have an assurance of the lyne being run betwixt Maryland and Pensylvania) writes a letter (of which the inclosed is a true Copy) to severall gentlemen of my Province, who are as certainly, some above twenty, others five & twenty miles & better within the degree of forty, as that the place, where I live, is within that degree: and (as I'm very certainly assured) a friend, that Penn sent over this shipping has taken, privately, observations at the head of the Bay, & gives out now that if William Penn be mistaken in those informations he had received from masters of shippes, that assured him the line would fall very low in Maryland, that he must then be compelled to purchase a Port of Baltemore, or else their shippes must enter and clear in Maryland. The reason the line hath not as yett, been layne out, I will now faithfully relate to you, which you may safely acquaint the Lords of the Councill with. About the latter end