

by the English, and that some effectuall care may be taken with  
the said two Bridges. Liber B.  
P. R. O.

And whereas further complaint is brought from the King of Assateague, that not onely severall English men doe incroach upon him and are come and seated themselves even in the Town where his Indians doe live, but that also in particular one Edw<sup>d</sup> Hammond an Incroacher of that nature hath most injuriously and feloniously stolen and taken away greate quantities of Roonoake and skinns from the tomb of some of their former Kings, which (according to their custom) they use to offer there (a crime very ill resented with them) and therefore mooves redress to be made him, and that some more certain provision for their future quiett liveing from the disturbance and Incroachments of the English may be thought off: being of them many Nations (viz<sup>t</sup>)

Assateague, Transquakin, Choptico, Moteawaughkin, Que-  
quaskequackick, Hassawass, Wachetack, Maraughquaick and Manaskson. p. 29

It is therefore considered and hereby ordered and appointed that Coll. William Stevens, M<sup>r</sup> Francis Jenckins, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Newbold, Capt. John Osbourne, M<sup>r</sup> James Round and M<sup>r</sup> John Townesend or any three or more of them (whereof the said Coll. William Stevens and Coll. William Colebourne to be one) be and they are hereby authorised and empowered (at some certain time and place by the said Coll. Stevens to be appointed) to meete, consult and enquire into the premisses and to allot and ascertain to the said Indians such a quantity or portion of land in such place as to them shall seeme meete and convenient, least injurious to the English, and most satisfactory to the Indians, the said land soe to be ascertained, to be layd out and marked and bounded where it shall be necessary. To the end that as well the said Indians as also the English themselves may know each others bounds, and not incroach upon, annoy, or disturb one the other; and that at each end of both the aforesaid Bridges be made and sett up a good substantiall and sufficient swinging Gate that will shutt of itself, for the keepinge out of horses, and Cattle and the security of their Corne Fields, and other their labours.

Ordered also that more particularly and exactly they the said Coll. Williams Stevens, Coll. William Colebourne, M<sup>r</sup> Francis Jenckins, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Newbold, Capt. John Osbourne, M<sup>r</sup> James Round and M<sup>r</sup> John Townesend, or any three or more of them as aforesaid, inquire into and diligently examine the crime charged against Edward Hammond aforesaid, and cause to be done therein, and in all other things hereby committed to them as to right and Justice appertaineth, as may most conduce to his Lordship's Hon<sup>r</sup>, the good and wellfare of this Province,