

Liber K. at Charles County, as also with the Kings of Mattawoman and Choptico for two of their Indians (viz^t) each of them one for the Fort in Ann Arundⁿ and that a Letter be likewise writ to Coll^o Charles Hutchins of Dorset County acquainting him with the proceedings of this Board for the safeguard and security of the Inhabitants of this Province & the Indians our Friends desiring and empowering him also to treat with and engage the Emperor of Nantecoke to afford and assist us with six of his Indians (viz^t) two for the Fort in Ann Arundell and four for that of Baltimore County the said Indians to be relieved & their Places to be supplied with others from time
 p. 138 to time as as the said Emperors and Kings to whom they respectively belong shall think fit the said Indians are likewise to be employ'd in Hunting and Killing Deer and other Game for the use and accommodation of the Forts to which they shall Respectively be assign'd and to be paid for the same ready down at the Fort in Match Coats to be provided for that Purpose at the usuall & common rate as they are allowed in other places where they have used to hunt or be employed

Proposed by his Excellency and he demands the opinion & advice of this Board what further measures to be taken in relation to those strange Indians seated on M^r Hermans Land with that French man represented and suspected to be Mons^r Casteene the grand Enemy of the English that has been so active in Cutting of and destroying their Majestys Subjects and their Estates in New England &c^a

Resolved and Ordered that a Sloop or Shallop be forthwith provided and sent up the Bay under the Conduct and management of some discreet judicious able Person to be authorised & empowered to treat with Coll Herman and consult him of the best means and methods to be used to invite and persuade the said French man together with some of the Great Men of those Indians to Come down and enter into the league of peace and amity they Pretend to desire with us and in Case they shall refuse so to do then that the said Herman do make use of such Commission and Instructions as shall be to him for that Purpose be Directed for the taking by force the said French man and bringing him away in the said sloop or shallop

Resolved further that M^r Thomas Blake of Calvert County be the Person pitched upon and made choice of by this Board & to be accordingly Authorised and Impowred by his Excellency the Gov^r to manage the said Affair in Consulting with Coll^o Herman as above and to have with him the aboves^d Commsⁿ & Instructions from his Excellency to the said Herman to be made use of upon occasion as before

p. 139 Ordered also that a Letter be forthwith writt & dispatch'd