

Old Enemy the Senecas. As for their pretentions or intentions of a peace with us I thinke it to be matter of weighty Consideration, and requires mature deliberacōn in this juncture of affaires for these reasons 1 : Our neighbours the Virginians are so embroyled with Domestick and intestine troubles besides the Indian Warr that Wee can have no correspondency with the Government there. Lib. R. R.

2. Though Wee of this Province and those of Virginia be under two distinct Govern^{ts} Yet Wee are both the Subjects of One Prince and ought to be aiding and assisting One to the other against a Common Enemy that Seekes the ruine or destruction of Either and this Wee are bound to by Our Duty to God and Allegiance to Our King; and seeing it is probably p^rsumed that these Susquehannoughs have not only blowne the coales but made the fuel and the flame of that fire of troubles that now burnes in the breast and bowells of Our neighbours the Virginians to Our great Sorrow and greife, I suppose it a matter dubious and worthy good consultation to resolve or admitt of Peace with the said Susquehannoughs without correspondency from the Goum^t of Virginia and how and with whom that may be had at p^rsent I know not, But in my judgment it may be no wayes inconvenient to treat with these Indians and to that End to send them and Jacob Young a protection as is required in the enclosed letters, which you may please to doe forthwith, and send by the Messenger that brought this intelligence who is at Mattapany and mention the place of meeting the Indians and Interpreter which I thinke most convenient at M^r Murtyes, you may please likewise to Order notice to be given to the Gentlemen of the Counsell living up the Bay in Ann Arrundell County to be there present upon so considerable concerne. S^r if you in your wisdom thinke it necessary I would desire your Selfe and the Secretary and M^r Brooke to give y^r Selves the trouble of meeting at my house (for I am lame and troubled with a fflux which together with the multitude of my buisnesse much indisposes me to travell, being unable in a day or two after to settle myselfe in Order againe) as soone as conveniently you can before next Councell day by reason of the Emergency of the Occasions aforesaid p 96

If y^r Hon^r shall deeme it any wayes unsafe to send a protection for the said Indians and Interpreter as aforesaid I shall desire you with the Secry and M^r Brooke to make what hast you can to my house to consult as above, and please to stopp the messenger at Mattapany with Order to stay there untill the result of the Counsell Thus in hast I take leave and Rem^a

Hon^{ble} S^r

I humbly pray you to comūnicate
the contents to the Coll als M^r Secry

Y^r humble Servant
Thomas Notley