

L<sup>tt</sup> of this Province, And the Speaker and greate men Lib. R.  
Indians of Pascattoway.

And first his L<sup>spp</sup>: by Thomas Baker the Interpreter Delivers himself to the said Indians in manner foll: viz.

I Desire to know how the Empero<sup>r</sup> Doth because I see him not here, that I should have been glad to have seene him here this Day, that I came here to meete him in ord<sup>r</sup> to give him & his greate men an answer to a message del<sup>d</sup> by some of their Indians to James Smallwood touching an Indian I had Demanded of the Empero<sup>r</sup> when I saw him here last.

James Smallwood Informed us that the aforesaid Indians were ordered to tell us that if Wassetass was Demanded by the English he should be del<sup>d</sup> up, but that the Empero<sup>r</sup> and all of the Indians in generall did earnestly desire & begg his life might be spared, he being a greate man, and as they all beleived innocent as to any murder Committed upon the English at Pottuxent

And because the Empero<sup>r</sup> his greate men and the Rest did soe earnestly begg this Wassetass Life, I was come here to meete with the Empero<sup>r</sup> to give him and his greate men an assurance that I was willing to grant their request by givinge them the life of this person, hopinge that for this favour and mercy Shewn at their greate request, The Empero<sup>r</sup> & his greate men would take care to give their young men good Advice and Councell to carry themselves civilly towards all the English, that noe breach of the Articles of peace may be made by them for the future, And then I and the English should be satisfied of a happy & good und<sup>r</sup>standing hence forward which on the part of the English should not be wanting. p. 75

Which the Interpreter having Delivered Distinctly to them. The Speaker makes answer as foll. viz.

That the Empero<sup>r</sup> was at the ffort but soe sick that he could not come That he would gladly have come to see his L<sup>spp</sup>: had he been able. That the Empero<sup>r</sup> had Committed all to the Speakers managem<sup>t</sup> at this Conference and that what he said might be taken as coming from the Emperours owne mouth.

He then proceeds to returne thankes to his L<sup>spp</sup>: for his greate favo<sup>r</sup> & mercy towards them in granting them the Life of Wassetass w<sup>ch</sup> they had so earnestly implored at his L<sup>spps</sup>: hands withall calling his L<sup>spp</sup>: ffather & that they had found favo<sup>r</sup> at his hands, And further saith that it is true the English can draw good Speeches in writeing & Speake very well but for their parts they could Deliver nothing but with their lipps, and what they did say was straight and good beeing unacquainted with any thing that is crooked and naught.

His L<sup>spp</sup>: then ord<sup>ts</sup> the Interpreter further to lett them know