

covered, I have promised them to enquire about it, and give Lib. R
yo^r L^{spp}: Acco^t thereof w^{ch} shall be duely performed by the
first oportunity. I am doubtfull wee shall have much trouble
with the fforreigne Indians, if yo^r L^{spp} thinks fitt to Employ a
Post for our County it will be much better for the people is
much dissatisfied to have their horses press'd from them.
The Embassado^{rs} sent to the Sinniquos are returned without
effecting any thing, they alleadge the Inhabitants up the Bay
would not assist them with a passage over—as to other pticu-
lars James Smallwood cann best Informe yo^r L^{spp}: with my
due Obedience p^rsented in haste Subscribe

Yo^r L^{spps} ffaithfull Serv^t
Charles County May 21th 1680: Rand^o Brandt

If your L^{spp} please to spare us some powd^r and Bullets
with a few flints to have ready in store for the County, Cap^t
Jones Mast^r of the Bristoll Shipp is intended with a Sloope
for our parts in some few Daies by whom should be glad to
receive the same, not knowing how soone we may have occa-
sion; I begg y^r L^{spps} pardon and excuse for my rude Lines
Subscribe In haste

Yo^r L^{spps} Serv^{tt} whilist
Rand: Brandt

W^{ch} Letter being read and the Contents thoroughly
weighed and Considered by his L^{spps} and his Council here
present it is concluded most Safe for the Pascattoway Indians
and Mattawomans to remoove themselves their wives and
Children to Nantecoke for some time and that for severall p. 115
reasons then argued w^{ch} is resolved to be Signified to the
said Indians in as few words as may be for preventing any
mistakes in the Delivery thereof by the Interpreter M^r John
Stone who is ordered to Communicate the same unto them
in manner following viz.

By the Lord Prop^{ty} & Council

May 22th 1680:

Ordered that the Empero^r of Pascattoway be given to
und^rstand ffirst

1: That his L^{spp} desires nothing more then that he and his
people be Safe from their Enemies.

2: That his L^{spp} is certain that if all the Choptico Indians
and the Mattawomans were at Pascattoway with the Empero^r
they are not able to fight the Sinniquos & Susquehannogs
who are above One Thousand men

3: That the Virginians will not beleive that the Sinniquos
murd: their people, and doe say that all the murd^{rs} committed
on that side of Pottomack are done by the Pascattoways.