

Lib. R. twelfth instant he being then at Manahowickes Neck there addressed themselves to him the Kings of Mattawoman and Choptico and pittifully sett forth to him the distressed condition they were in being in continuall expectation of their Enemies approach and being Surprised & cutt of by them, that not long since five Choptico Indians were taken away from their hunting Quarters on the Beaver Manno<sup>r</sup> seemeing to wonder that his L<sup>spp</sup> had not heard thereof before, they likewise mooved his L<sup>spp</sup> for aid and assistance urging that they had reduced themselves unto that Condition meerely by their ffriendshipp to the English in the late expedition ag<sup>t</sup> the Susquehannohs insoemuch that they dare not stirr out to plant their Corne and did therefore expect to be protected by the English, that they were very importunate with his L<sup>spp</sup> to lett them know what they might trust to whither they might be assured of aid and assistance from the English according to Articles or not, His L<sup>spp</sup>: told them that he did not conceive them to be in such imminent danger as they represented being now Seated soe neere the English whereto they replied that both they and the English very well knew that the Enemy would not disturb the English, but sought onely their lives without any injury to us His L<sup>spp</sup> then assured them of a Supply and thereupon ordered Cap<sup>m</sup> Randolph Brandt to returne those twelve musketts w<sup>ch</sup> he had lately recd: from the Mattawoman Indians again into their Custody for their present Defence. His L<sup>spp</sup> also declared his Opinion to the King of Choptico that he thought it might be very necessary and Convenient for him and his Indians to joine with at Nanjemy by w<sup>ch</sup> meanes being inforted altogether they would be enabled to make a better Defence, but the King of Choptico replied that as to that he could make noe result without haveing first consulted his greate men who were not then present.

Resolved that an Ord<sup>r</sup> from this board be directed to Coll Henry Darnall to Employ some pson whom he shall think fitt to inquire into the truth of that Report of the five Indians being lately taken away off the beaver Damm Manno<sup>r</sup> & to Certifie the same to his L<sup>spp</sup> with all convenient speed.

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By the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> and Council

Aprill 16<sup>th</sup> 1681:

Whereas his L<sup>spp</sup> hath been given to understand by the Kings of Mattawoman and Choptico that five Choptico Indians were lately surprised and taken prisoners from their hunting Quarter on the Beaver Damm Manno<sup>r</sup>

Ordered that Coll Henry Darnall upon sight hereof Employ some pson or psons whom he shall think fitt to enquire into the truth of that Report, and that the same be (upon such