

At a Councill held at S<sup>t</sup> Peters at the Chancelo<sup>rs</sup> house the Lib. R.  
19<sup>th</sup> Day of June Anno 1681:

The hon<sup>ble</sup> { The R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup>  
Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chancelo<sup>r</sup>  
William Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Secry } Present  
Coll. Henry Darnall }

produced by his L<sup>spp</sup> and read to the board a Letter from  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Brandt viz.

May it please your L<sup>spp</sup>:

In Obedience to your L<sup>spp</sup> Commands of the 16<sup>th</sup> of this instant to Coll William Chandler, have in every respect answered my self, James Smallwood and two more hath been with the Sinniquas whom we found in sight of the Zachaiah ffort treateing with our Indians, I made knowne to the Sinniquo by one of our Indians who I conceive rightly understood them, your L<sup>spp</sup> had a Desire to treat with them, they replied they were much in want of provisions and could not stay, for answer told them if two or three of them, would goe Downe to your L<sup>spp</sup>: I would provide them some Corne and kill them a beife to supply their wants, untill such time their greate men returned from your L<sup>spp</sup>: their answer was when they had treated with the Pascattoways they would treat with us, the Conference betweene them held neere two houres and much Peake was given by our Indians to them and by them recd: and much friendship past betweene them and sundry of our Indians came frequently amongst them when this ended they Desired me and my small Company to goe farther with them where we found the Body and conceive them to be neere two hundred, they held a Councill which lasted four houres but could not perswade them to come in to your L<sup>spp</sup>: by noe meanes, neither could gett them to stay untill such time I could advise your L<sup>spp</sup> of our proceedings but immediately comāded the Camp to remoove, we asked of them where they were intended, they replied for Pascattoway where their Canooes lay. Wee made them to understand your L<sup>spp</sup> was much their ffriend and intended them noe harme and gave them caution how they came into our plantations unless it were in friendshipp. While the conference lasted betweene us severall of the Zachaia Indians came out of the ffort, and when we tooke leave of them the Indians that belonged to the ffort proffered to returne, whom they detained and conceive intends to take them away, I returned to the ffort and gave the Indians notice thereof and gave them caution not to trust them; I shall make further inquiry as to the Indians soe deteyned (if returned) and give your L<sup>spp</sup>: Acco<sup>t</sup> thereof, or in