

Court. further order that the Sheriff take him into safe custody and with convenient speed deliver him to the high Sheriff of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County. Lib. R. R. R.

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Ababco King Audience.

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At the said Two and Twentieth day of March 1683 presented himself and had audience before this board Ababco one of the Indian Kings of Choptank, haveing with him one of his greate men together also with Nicholas Hackett, who was admitted as Interpreter.

Proportions & Answers

The Interpreter ordered to lett them know that his L<sup>sp</sup> hath much business to doe, and butt little time to spend, desires them therefore to be briefe in what they had to offer.

Indians. They say that they had assurance given them by Coll Coursey and Coll Lloyd that their Indians taken prisoners and carried away the last yeare by the Sinniquos should be all returned.—of which they find noe pformance.

Answer. ffourteene of them are already returned, and wee doe not know, but have good reason to beleive that the rest of their prisoners upon the same grounds will (if themselves please) have liberty to returne however the Governo<sup>r</sup> of New York shall be requested to moove those Indians fully to comply with their Articles with us in makeing full restitution of their prisoners.

Ind: They say that the Indian prisoner now in custody of the English under the sentence of banishm<sup>t</sup> was not condemned thereunto by Coll Coursey but by Coll Lloyd onely, and they conceive it somewhat hard that the judgem<sup>t</sup> should be putt in execution, some of their Indians, (the greate man now present for one) haveing been formerly shott by the English, and noe such care ever taken for their satisfaction, they desire his L<sup>sp</sup>: will please to deliver him up to them, upon good security to be given by some of their greate men.

Answ: To Gratifie Ababco's request his L<sup>sp</sup>: is willing to release unto them their Indian prisoner. He the said Ababco with the rest of his greate men undertakeing and engageing for his future good behaviour, and that neither he nor any other of their Indians shall hereafter offer any injury or make any attempt upon any his L<sup>sp</sup>s good people, but that they will take the same effectuall care to keepe their Indians from drinking strong liquors, as his L<sup>sp</sup> hath taken to keepe strong drink from being sold to them.