

Resolved first to proceed on the affaires relating to the L. H. J. piscataway and accokicke Indians, and thereupon was read the Reporte of Major William Barton to the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill, upon what passed between him and the said Indians upon his being sent to them and their answer to him, and upon their first answer relating to their Reasons of Deserting the Forte.

This Committee say upon perusall and examination thereof <sup>p. 140</sup> they perceive the Indians built their faith upon reporte that Colonel Addison and others should say such things of them, but whether true or noe, they had no certain grounds, for they never went to the Governour to enquire ; but on the contrary the Committee find the English had some reasons even from their own mouths to suspect them for that murther, and for which they ought either to acquitt themselves or make some Satisfaction for.

And therefore it may be proposed to them that if they will discover the murtherers if they know them, he or they shall be freely pardoned, and him or them all received unto the same articles of peace that were last made with them upon their renewing and confirming them, and if they will not or cannot finde and deliver the murtherers that then, the Indians make payment of 80 drest buckskens, for the value of the negroe and in such tyme as the persons appointed to treat with them shall consent to.

That upon the performance of either of these proposalls returning to the place of their former abode or Elsewhere neare the English as shall be agreed on, all former Injuries to be passed by and pardoned, and particularly the Annacostian King to be Received into the same Articles of peace and friendshipe with the Rest.

As to their allegation of having their Lands purchased from them and their Corne fields pulled downe, and there being blamed for killing the hoggs &c: We conceive it may be proposed to them that the English do not care for their Land being in no want of it.

And if any persons have seated within their Bounds, Its not by Direction of the Government nor by their consent, and if such persons have not the Indians consent for it, they shall either make them satisfaction or Remove as the Government shall think fitte.

And if they are blamed about the English Stocks, it may be cause for it, nor can the Government prevent private suspitions, but doe assure them they shall not be punished without due proof made against them according to the proceedings against others.

And as to the English pulling downe their fences, if they can make any such thing appear they shall be called to accompt for the same.