

ACTS

Att an Assembly held att  
Annapolis the 20<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1698 was  
Enacted  
Viz<sup>t</sup>

Lib. L. L. 2     An Act for Ascertaineing the bounds of a Certain Tract of  
Land to the use of the Naticock Indians so long as they shall  
Occupy and live upon the same.

p. 167     It being most Just That the Indians the Ancient Inhabitants  
of this Province should have a Convenient Dwelling place in  
this their native Country ffree from the incroachments and  
oppressions of the English more Especially the Nanticoke  
Indians in Dorchester County who for these many years has  
lived in peace and quiet with the English and in all matters  
in Obedience to the Government of this Province we the Bur-  
gesses & Delegates of this present Generall Assembly there-  
fore do pray that it may be Enacted And be it Enacted by the  
Kings most Excellent Maty by and with the Advice and Con-  
sent of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of  
the Same That all the Land lying and being in Dorchester  
County and on the North Side of Nanticock River Butted and  
Bounded as followweth beginning att the mouth of Chickacoan  
Creek and running up the said Creek bounded therew<sup>th</sup> to the  
head of the main branch of the same and from the head of the  
said Main Branch with a line drawn to the head of a Branch  
issueing out of the Northwest fork of Nanticock known by the  
name of Francis Andertons Branch and from the head of the  
said branch down the said Andertons Branch bounded there-  
with to the mouth of the same where it falls into the said  
Northwest fork and from thence down the said Northwest fork  
bounded therewith to the main River and so down the Main  
river to the mouth of the aforesaid Chickacoan Creek shall  
be unto Panquas and Annatoughquan and to the people  
under their Government or Charge and their heires and  
successors for ever any Law Usage Custom or Grant to  
the Contrary in any wise Notwithstanding to be held of the  
Lord prop<sup>ty</sup> and his heires Lords Proprietors or Lords Pro-  
prietors of this Province under the Yearly rent of one Beaver  
Skin to be paid to his said Lordship and his heires as other  
Rents in this Province by the English used to be paid Pro-  
vided allways That it shall and may be Lawfull for any