

2<sup>dly</sup> Their Company's in moving Seldom above two or three with their ffamilies. Lib. H. D.

3<sup>dly</sup> Their passing was peaceable modestly asking and paying for such Necessarys as they had Occasion of.

4<sup>thly</sup> Their time of moving to their hunting Quarters was in June from whence they Return'd not till September & then in companys as they went laden with their pelt.

on the Contrary

ffirst there has past within this three months last past between ffifty & sixty men all well Arm'd noe women nor children:

2<sup>dly</sup> Their Companies ten or a dozen more or less.

3<sup>dly</sup> They are all Arm'd painted & by Violence take what ever they have Occasion for without making any Satisfaction.

4<sup>thly</sup> They are now Continually passing by & frequently returning but seldom above one or two and they without any pelt their pretensions being that they Cannot kill any Deer.

By w<sup>ch</sup> it seems all their Actions run Retrograde to their fformer accustom'd practices & though at p'resent the worst of our Evill consists in a Panick ffear it is much to be doubted the sequell will terminate in blood the Inhabitants being already so Exasperated as that sev'all of the more resolute are Resolved noe longer to Endure the Abuse but upon the ffirst Occasion given are Resolved to Revenge the Injuries sustain'd upon their p'rons the Redress of w<sup>ch</sup> growing Mischiefs I shall humbly Referr to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & Subscribe my self as I am and ever shall be.

Quare if not reasonable th<sup>t</sup> the Rangers on some other p'rons by Ord<sup>r</sup> from the Military Officers should once or twice a Week vissent the ffrontier Plantations. . .

} Yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> most humble most Obedient Ser- vant Edw<sup>d</sup> Boothby

Port of Annapolis, August the 20<sup>th</sup> 1697. p. 124

M<sup>r</sup> Boothby

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Henry Den- ton's Lre to Mr Boothby in Answe<sup>r</sup> to his abt<sup>t</sup> Indians

Yo<sup>rs</sup> of Yesterdays date to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> (by the Express) was this day read in Councill, I being Order'd to give you the following Answer thereto, Viz<sup>t</sup> in the ffirst place, yo<sup>r</sup> Care in this matter is well accepted & you are directed to give Notice to the parties that have made those complaints (mention'd in yo<sup>r</sup> Letter) ag<sup>t</sup> the Indians, as also to any other persons that have Com- plaints (of like Nature) to make, for to appear at the next County Court to be held for yo<sup>r</sup> County, where his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> intends (God willing) to meet them; hoping no Mischief may