

Lib. H. D. seem'd very hearty & sincere in such their intentions, and that they never heard any thing else to the contrary since.

M^r Richard Cloud, one of the persons by Act of Assembly appointed for deciding differences with the Choptico Indians &^{ca} came also according to summons who is asked if any of that Nation of Indians are now at Choptico, and in what manner they live: Who say's that there are severall Indians at Choptico who have built severall Cabins up & down thereabouts, but that the Neighbourhood is very suspicious they design not to stay long in those parts by reason they are a making severall Canoes more than usuall.

The said Gentlemen being Ordered to withdraw; Major Smallwood was by Order called in to whom his Ex^{ncy} sayes, that he being a person that has frequently dealt and traded with the Indians; therefore asks him his own thoughts about the Piscattaway Indians; and how much powder he did generally deale wth them for in a year. Who makes answer th^t he believes these late disturbances may have putt them at p^rsent into some dread & fear, which might obstruct their returne; but th^t if they were sent to & satisfyed & all misunderstandings removed, he is of opinion they would return again. And that as to powder selling to them, he believes he might sell them 150, or 200 weight in a year. Major Barton another Indian Trader, being sent for & asked the same questions, is much of the same Opinion wth Major Smallwood. And as to powder selling he does believe he generally sold them upwards of 300 weight in a year and does think they may use at least six or seaven hundred weight of powder in a year.

M^r Hutchison being called in is told by his Ex^{ncy} that he having lived neer the Piscattaway ffort for some years & had communication wth them, asks him his sentiments of the said Indians, whether he believes th^t they will return back or no; Who say's that it is his believe they will scarce come back, by reason the Virginians (as he is inform'd) infuses strange notions into their heads, by telling them th^t if they go back to Maryland they will be all destroyed, and th^t as long as they keep in Virginia they will be safe and protected, saying that it is two or three of the Indian Traders there th^t supports them in those fancyes & supply's them wth what they want and therefore thinks it will be a hard matter to gett them back, notwthstanding they seem'd so fair upon the Treaty.

M^r John Hawkins is called for and asked whether or no he has not lived neer the Piscattaway ffort for severall years & had converse with severall of them, who sayes he has.

He is asked what he thinks concerning the Piscattaway Indians whether he thought they were inclinable to returne