

Lib. H. D. that the Gentlemen that go out of Cæcill County acquaint the Shevanor Indians how that his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> never rec<sup>d</sup> those presents said to be sent by Cōll Herman.

They do also think it convenient that two former Ord<sup>rs</sup> about laying out the Land for the Choptanck Indians may be renewed & comply'd with, w<sup>ch</sup> (through sickness of Major Smithson the Surveyor) is represented not yet to be done. About laying out land for the Nanticoke Indians, this Com̄ittee do humbly leave it to further consideration.

This Com̄ittee taking into consideration the great care and trouble th<sup>t</sup> his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> our Govern<sup>r</sup> has taken for promoting the Kings Hono<sup>r</sup> and preservation of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Province of Maryland, do humbly return their heartiest Thanks and acknowledgments and do further request him to represent to the Right Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Council for Trade and fforreign Plantations the present condition of this Province so dangerous and chargeable to the Inhabitants thereof upon these bloody attempts and further apprehended designs of the Indians, and that upon these considerations his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & Council will be pleased to request of their Lordships to move his Sacred Majesty to discharge them from further contributing towards the assistance of New Yorke; The charge & burthen of their own defence (upon these alarmes) lying so heavy upon them.

Lastly all this is humbly submitted to his Ex<sup>ncys</sup> better Iudgment and that of the next Gen<sup>l</sup> meeting of the Honob<sup>le</sup> his May<sup>tes</sup> Council & Iustices of the Provinciaall Court &<sup>ca</sup>

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>

Hen<sup>r</sup> Denton Clk of the Com̄ittee

The said returne is approved off; only it is observed that some of the proposalls are not fully answer'd; Viz<sup>t</sup> That of desiring his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> to Order the Rangers to keep frequent correspondence w<sup>th</sup> the Maryland Rangers &<sup>ca</sup> to agree upon the alarm; and th<sup>t</sup> of giving a Lattitude to the Gentlemen th<sup>t</sup> go, for to discourse any other matters as they shall think fit for his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Service &<sup>ca</sup> All w<sup>ch</sup> with some other matters being agreed upon; the severall particulars relating to that affair (concluded to be sent w<sup>th</sup> the Gentlemen appointed to go to Virginia) were by Ord<sup>r</sup> drawn up in manner following. Viz<sup>t</sup>

At a meeting & consultation held about Indian Affairs at the new State house, at the town and Port of Annapolis In his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Province of Maryland the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Octob<sup>r</sup> Anno<sup>o</sup> 1697. By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Fran<sup>s</sup>: Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and Govern<sup>r</sup> in Chief of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Province and the Gentlemen of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> Council, together w<sup>th</sup> the Hono<sup>rd</sup> the