

by their Letters it appears his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> had not nor could Lib. H. D.  
possibly have notice of their passing through this Government  
till they were returned; w<sup>ch</sup> Letters Papers and proceedings  
the Council have maturely considered and do not yet apprehend  
the intent & meaning of the Government of Maryland  
transmitting such papers; The Agents or Gentlemen from  
Maryland having passed through treated w<sup>th</sup> & returned from  
the Indians in this Government without the knowledge of his  
Ex<sup>ncy</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> proceedings the Council are of Opinion amuses the p. 602  
Inhabitants and tends to the disturbance of the Government  
and therefore the Council pray his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> to acquaint the  
Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland th<sup>t</sup> before any treaty with any Indians  
in this Government be permitted his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> be made timely  
acquainted therewith and that his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> please to give Com-  
mands to the Comānder of the Militia and Rangers in  
Stafford County that none be suffered to treat with the  
Indians in this Government till his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> allow thereof and  
Ordered accordingly.

James Sherlock Cl Concil

At a Council held at James Citty the 10<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1697.

Present

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and Council

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> yesterday was pleased to lay before the Board a  
Letter from the Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Octob<sup>r</sup>  
past & a Copy inclosed of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June sent by Thom<sup>s</sup>  
Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> one of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> Council and Major Will<sup>m</sup>  
Dent to wait upon his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> of Whome due regard being  
had, and being fully heard what they had to offer from the  
Govern<sup>r</sup> and Council of Maryland on mature consideration  
thereof and the said Letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> of June being formerly  
answered, This Board are of opinion th<sup>t</sup> it is not advisable  
to make inquiry after or Proclamation against unknown or  
undiscribed persons.

That the Report in Maryland of the Indians notions that  
they shall not be punished here for any misdemeanor com-  
mitted in Maryland is groundless That the prohibition of  
selling ammunitio to particular Indians is neither advisable  
nor available neither see any cause to send for or to the  
said Indians. The Rangers are appointed on the frontiers of  
Potomock River and the Commander of the Rangers & Militia  
long since Ordered to Acquaint Coll<sup>o</sup> Addison with any thing  
materiall. The Generall Alarum of this Countrey is firing of  
Guns at convenient distance and any disorder in the Night pun-  
ishable & 'tis also the opinion of the Council that the present