

Lib. C. B. from them, the Sheriffs taking fees of them for the Quit Rents has alarmed them very much and (as Severall of them have declared to and in the hearing of this Deponant) that they were affraid of the same Equal Oppressions with those which Induced them to Leave their Native Country, & that to avoid it they would go from hence.

Joseph Ogle.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1748 Sworn before me  
John Darnall

p. 335 Several other Depositions to the same Effect being read at the Board, and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County and the Farmer of the Quit Rents attending, His Excellency is pleased to recommend to the Sheriff that he be very careful in exacting no fees from the People nor taking any but what are warranted by Law; And to the Farmers that they use all the Lenity possible in collecting the Quit Rents from the People. The following Return is ordered to be entered

In Obedience to an Order of Council of 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1747 We the subscribers do humbly certify That We did give Notice to the Indian Chiefs to meet Us at Cambridge on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of March last, and on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> We took the Examination of Indian Abraham (Hopping Sam, Tom Bishop, John Quash, John Newnon, John Quitam being present) And the said Abraham declared as follows Viz. That about Twenty years ago Philemon Lecompt (being then a youth) agreed with the then Indian Queen Mechasusa for One hundred Trees suitable for Staves, for which Trees he gave the Queen seven yards of Linen, That the said Philemon Lecompte is now cutting down Timber Trees upon the Indian Land, and tells them he disregards any thing they can say or do to him; This Complaint appears to be well founded from the Information of several Persons of Credit, The same Abraham further saith That M<sup>rs</sup> Elizabeth Trippe Widow, and One John Dawson hath settled upon their Land, but upon Enquiry into the Affair understand Dawson became their Tenant, if any further Enquiry be thought needful We submit to the Board; And that the Comm<sup>rs</sup> be empower<sup>d</sup> to call the Surveyor of the County to run any of the Lines may be thought proper, and that the Sheriff or under Sheriff attend if required, and summon any Person whose Attendance may be necessary. But this is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Board

7 June 1748

Sam Chamberlaine  
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