Lib. J. R. & U. S. Indians shall Peaceably and Quietly Occupy Possess and dwell on the same without being Lett hindered disturbed or Incroacht upon by any Person or Persons whatsoever

Your Humble Petitioners most humbly Sheweth that Continual frauds Trespasses and incroachments have been and are yet Committed on Our Land by Cutting Carrying off and Selling large Quantities of Timber of our Lands Others who have got in possession of our Lands refuse to give up the same or pay the yearly Rents thereof Continually disturbing those Peaceable People who Live on our Lands and of whom we Receive the yearly Rents thereof

We therefore humbly beg that your Excellency would by some Proper means redress our Injuries, And Your humble Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray April 9th 1754.

James Coponk	Hopping his Γ mark Sam
William Coponk	
William Ashquash	Abram his Λ mark Bishop
Thomas his T mark Bishop	

Ordered that Col Henry Hooper Major John Eccleston & Doctr William Murray of Dorchester County and William Thomas of Talbot County Gentlemen or any three or two of them enquire into the said Complaints and also that they enquire into the Grounds of any other Complaints made by the said Indians and that they send for such Persons as shall be named to them on behalf of the said Indians and also on behalf of the Persons accused & that they Examine them on Oath & having Reduced into writing the said Examination so taken by them they make Report thereof to this Board with all convenient Speed.

p. 26* At a Council held at the Governors on Wednesday the 24th Day of April in the fourth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1754.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esqr Governor

The Honourable { Benjamin Tasker Esqr, Col George Plater, Col Charles Hammond } Col Benjamin Tasker, Benedict Calvert Esqr

His Excellency the Governor having communicated to this Board a Report made to him by the Justices of Assize of their