

Shelter us from the weather most certain any People would think them selves in a Deplorable and miserable Condition to be thus Evilly Entreated by their Fellow Brethren and not able to fence against their malicious and Hatefull Treatment which hope we shall hereafter be Protected from by you our Trusty Brother we make bold to call you our Brother we shall ever be and remain true and Faithfull Subjects to our great Father the great King of our nation therefore Present these Belts of peak as a Pledge of our Trust to our great Master the King of this Nation and hope that you our Brother will See us Justly dealt by as a People that have Ever been at peace and quiet with the White people so hope that they will Likewise be at Peace with us the poor and Distrest People the Indians and all our Brother Indians Continues in the Same mind with us and all at Present, But remain King Georges most Dutifull and loyal Subjects and ever Obedient the Heard Swamp Bapco and other Indians. We have not thought fit to set any of our names to this Present but Deliver it to you as an coming from our mouth to our Trusty Brother

Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

So Farewell our Dear Brother

The Articles of Peace entered into by Samuel Ogle Esq^r late Governor of this Province with several of the Indians on 5th July 1752 being Produced were again Confirmed and entered in the Council Book of the Same Year at the end thereof fol^o

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the following Letter be Entered

Annapolis 24th April 1759.

Gent

Inclosed are three Deeds that were lately Put into my hands by Bishop one of the Choptank Indians who as I apprehend think they have reason to Complain against Some of the Inhabitants of the County for encroaching on their Lands but for want of an Interpreter I could not well understand them, wherefore I must Desire that at your next meeting you will send for Bishop and some more of those Indians and enquire for what Purpose they gave me the Above mentioned Deeds, and if they should then complain of any Ill usage I recommend it to you to Examine into this Affair and if you find they have been injured either give them immediate Redress or report to me the Discoveries that you shall make in the Course of your Enquiry.

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I am Gent &

To the Justices of Dorchester County. Hor^o Sharpe.