

time you Return home Given at Annapolis this 18th day of
October 1755

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Hor^o Sharpe.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday
the 30th day of October in the fifth year of his Lordships
Dominion Annoque Domini 1755.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

The { Benjamin Tasker Esq^r } Col Benjamin Tasker
honourable { Col Edward Lloyd } Benedict Calvert Esq^r

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the
following Letter received by Col Lloyd from the Locust
Neck Indians—

Dorchester County October 18th 1755.

Sir

Your honour We hope has not forgot Our Petition to his
Excellency Governor Sharpe Esq^r when in Our County in
which we Complained of Sundry White People, the Chief
of whom was Philemon Lecompte Thomas Hunt and Thomas
Owens, Lecompte was Complained against for Cutting and
Selling Our Timber of which he has made such Clean work
he is obliged to Leave off having Cut all within his reach that
will either make Boards or Staves, and that is not all for
Living .but a little way from our Town and is of such an
Envious Spirit that he will not Suffer those honest and Quiet
People who Live on our Land and pay us Rent to be in
Peace to our great hurt and Damage it being all or the Great-
est Benefit we can Receive from our Land.

Thomas Hunt has Lived on our Land near fifteen or
Twenty years the man is Peacable but Dishonest in which
Long time we have got little or nothing to our Advantage.
Thomas Owens is a man Naturally Idle and Dishonest, being
nearly Allied to Lecompte having Married his Daughter by
whose means he got in Possession of Our Land has been
upheld by him in holding the same and not paying us our
Rent. this is the Seventh year which he has Lived on our
lands in which time his Rents has Amounted to 32: 10 of
which he has made some Stragling Payments so that there
remains 17: 10 Due to us without the least hopes of its ever
being Less who being very Idle and much in Debt is by the
officers and other Creditors Stript of all he has by which
means We remain without Remedy and altho we have Sun-
dry times in the presence of Several White men Demanded