

U. H. J. their Land when in Drink, or of Incroachments made by the English into their Bounds, and of such Persons also, who, having entered upon their Lands by Consent, and upon Conditions of paying Rent therefore have not complied therewith, so that the Indians on the one Hand are Cheated of their Rents, and on the other Hand with the Loss of their Lands; p 24 the first of which gives a great deal of Unnecessary Trouble to this Government, as the other will lay us under a necessity of purchasing more Lands for them to make Corn upon; for Prevention whereof, and for discouraging for the future, the many Quarrels and differences that have daily arisen thereon; it is recommended unto your House to prepare a short Bill to oblige all such English People as are Seated upon their Lands to pay the Rents contracted for; that no Englishman, for the future, be allowed to lease Lands from them for more than seven years, nor any Lease or Leases already made to inure longer than the Term of seven years aforesaid; and lastly to make void all Sales by them already made since November last, as well as such as shall be made for the Time to come; with a Provisoe to make good and Valid such Sales as have been already made since November aforesaid or shall be hereafter made, to the English, of Lands lying upon the back of the Choptank Tract, and heretofore laid out by Warrants from the Land Office of this Province

Signed p ord<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Cl Up Ho.

Which Message is sent to the Lower House by Col Holland who returns and says he delivered it.

A Message from the Lower House by M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Mackall and M<sup>r</sup> Hooper which is as follows Viz.

By the Lower house of Assembly

October the 25<sup>th</sup> 1722

May it please Your Honours

We have Heard the Allegations of Major Nicholas Sewall in Relation to the Land Called Darby and Indian Neck supposed to be included within the Bounds of the Indians' Land and at present find that only six hundred Acres of Land called Indians' Neck is proved to be within the Indians' Lands, for which we have agreed with the said Major Sewall to allow him thirty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco and to pay him five hundred Pounds of Tobacco more for his Charges thereon, that the said Major Sewall is willing and ready upon the paying, or securing the Payment of the Tobacco to execute a Release for the same to the publick with which we hope your Hon<sup>rs</sup> will Concur and with the payment of the Tobacco

Signed p order M: Jenifer Cl Lo. Ho.