

It is further the opinion of the Conferrees that the Survey U. H. J. of the Choptank Indians Lands made by the Honoble Philemon Lloyd Esq^r Col^o Rich^d Tilghman and Col^o M. Tilgh. p. 58 Ward is pursuant and Agreeable to the Design of the Act of Assembly made at S^t Marys in the Year 1669 as appears in W H fol 34 By which the said Land was Granted to the said Indians.

Wherefore we are of opinion

That no Leases already made shall continue longer then seven years.

That the People concern'd in such Leases be Oblidged to pay the Rents Contracted for.

That the Indians shall not for the future, sell or lease any Land upon any pretence whatsoever

That all Leases or Sales since November 1721 be void With Proviso to make good and Valid all Surveys and Purchases already bonafide made since November 1721 of Lands which lye to the westward of Bear Skin Creek and to the Southward of the Indians Bounds as they were heretofore laid out by Col^o Tho^s Smithson and Lieu^t Col^o Thomas Ennals pursuant to an Ordinance of Assembly

Signed p Order Jn^o Gresham Jun^r Clk.

A message from the Lower House by M^r Crabb and M^r King viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly October the 9th 1723. p 59
May it Please Yo^r Hono^{rs}

We have taken into Consideration the Report of the Conferrees that were appointed to Examine into the Indian Lands, upon Nanticoke and Choptank Rivers and concurr therewith in all its parts, except that the Indians should not be allowed to sell or Lease any Part or Parcell thereof upon any Terms whatsoever, which as it would prevent those that have Prior Grants to the Act of Assembly past in favour of the Indians and have not (that appears) Received any Satisfaction for the same, to purchase from the Indians, we conceive would be a very Great Hardship on them, first to take away their Lands for a publick Good, and neither make them a Recompence for them nor suffer them to purchase the Incumbrance at the best Terms they Can.

Signed p ord^r M Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

An Engrossed Bill from the Lower House by M^r Oldham and M^r Hudson Intituled an Act Repealing such part of an