

done to those persons who have Grants for Lands within the Indian Bounds of an Elder date than the Act of Assembly w<sup>ch</sup> Confirms the Indians' Lands to them we hope the Justice of the Legislature at that time was such that they would not deprive any man of his Property without just Cause and therefore we ought to believe that either the Proprietors of those Lands had a Compensation some way or other made for them for their Rights till the same should Revert to them or their Heirs again by the Desertion, of the Indians, or rather that the Indians were Actually residing upon those Lands by the Consent of the Government, when they were taken up, and for that reason thought by the Legislature to have a more Equitable Right than those who were but intruders upon them Besides if the Proprietors of those Lands at the Time of making the Law had been able to make it Appear that there was any Injustice done them, we doubt not but they would imediately apply themselves to that, or the next Succeeding Assembly for Relief, which we Cannot find they ever did. For which Reasons we hope your House will concur with ours in Approving the Report of the Conferees.

Signed p Order Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Clk Up Ho.

And the Answer so prepar'd was sent to the Lower House by James Bowles Esq<sup>r</sup>

Col<sup>o</sup> Holland on Behalf of himself and the Rest of the Members of this House Deliver'd to the Ho<sup>n</sup>ble Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> their Answer to his Honours second speech made to both Houses on Saturday September the 28<sup>th</sup> which Answer is as follows (viz)

To the Ho<sup>n</sup>ble Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour of Maryland &c<sup>a</sup>

By the upper House of Assembly

May it please your Hon<sup>r</sup>.

We Esteem it our Happiness that our proceedings in the Dispatch of those Affairs you were pleas'd to lay before us, at the opening this Sessions has met with your Honours approbation, and we assure you we shall endeavour to answer your Expectation in what you have now Recomend<sup>d</sup> to us, with a gratefull sence both of his Lordship's Goodness and your kind Endeavo<sup>rs</sup> for the Good of this Province

Sign'd p ord<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Cl. Up: Ho.

Adjourned till Morning