

L. H. J. It Appears further that in the Year 1684 Commissioners were Appointed by his L<sup>dpp</sup> the Lord Proprietary of this province to Assign and Lay Out for the said Nanticoake Indians a Certain tract or parcell of Land Upon Nanticoak River, Of which the Tract Lyeing between the North west ffork of Nanticoake River and Chickacoan Creek, now in the possession of those Indians and granted them by An Act of Assembly of this province made in the year 1698 we conceive to be a part.

Whereupon it is the Oppinion of the Conferrees that the Nanticoak Indians and their descendants, so long as they shall Claime the same shall Enjoy a peaceable and Uninterrupted possession of that Tract of Land lyeing between the North west fork of Nanticoak River and Chicacoan Creek Aforesaid as the Same is butted and bounded by a Certain Act of Assembly of this province made at Annapolis in the year 1698 as Appears by the Book of Laws fol. 166 and that the said Indians be not Allowed to Sell or Lease any part or parcell thereof, Upon any terms whatsoever.

It is further the Oppinion of the Confferres the Survey of the Choptank Indians Lands Made by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Philemon Lloyd Esq Col<sup>o</sup> Richard Tilghman and Col<sup>o</sup> M. Tilghman Ward is pursuant and Agreeable to the Design of the Act of Assembly made at S<sup>t</sup> 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 any Longer than Seven Years.

That the persons Concerned in such Leases be obliged to pay the rents Contracted for.

That the Indians shall not for the future Lease any Land upon any pretence whatsoever.

That all Leases or Sales Since Novb<sup>r</sup> 1721 be Void with proviso to make good and Valid all Surveys and purchases already bona fide made since Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1721 of Lands which Lye to the westward of Bear Skin Creek and to the South-  
p. 39 ward of the Indians Bounds as they were heretofore laid out by Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Smithson and Lieut. Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Ennalls pursuant to An Ordinance of Assembly.

Signd p Order John Gresham Jun<sup>r</sup> Clk.

On reading whereof the Question was put whether a Vote shall be put whether this House will Concurr with the Conferrees in the whole Report or in parts.

It was Carried by the Majority of Votes that [it] be in parts