

- U. H. J. Injurys by Englishmens horses &c Induced the Choptank Indians to retire to A place Called Locust neck upon the Choptank tract

p. 104 It appears also to this Committee that the facts alledged by Capt<sup>n</sup> Rider as to his taking Possession of and building a Small Clapboard house in the Chicacoan town and the Indians leaving the place after the burning of William Asquash's Cabbin and Corn field fence are true but it is very untruly represented that those Indians themselves had Destroyed their Cabbins or burnt their fences as a token of deserting and leaving the place or that the small Improvements made by Captain Rider were any Inducem<sup>t</sup> to those Indians in the repossessing the place for they returned again of themselves in the fall of the same year and some time after as Captain Rider himself did Suppose burnt down his Improvements but Complained in the mean time to the Comissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for determining Indian differences, that the English had burnt William Asquash's house and part of his Corn field fence with design to drive them away from the said Town which doth not seem Improbable seeing that the fact was done about the time of Planting Corn and the damage Irreparable for that Season, but W<sup>m</sup> Asquash who did not remove twenty Miles higher up the River as it is alledged remained amongst the English during the Summer for his Subsistance and returned again to the town with other Indians and Erected new Cabbins which have been inhabited until this time Edward Wright their Tenant having as they say held possession for them all the while

By which it appears Evidently to this Comittee that the Legislature ought not to have been Charged with Unjustice in preventing Capt<sup>n</sup> Rider from Disturbing the Indians in their possession seeing that if the first takers up of the Land Claimed have not already received an Equivalent from his Lordship as in the case of Edmondsons Guiny plantation upon the Choptank Indian tract, yet his Estate in those Lands cannot by the rules of Law Comēnce untill after a desertion or leaving the place by the Indians within the Intention of the Act of 1698 which we are humbly of opinion they have not yet done for Captain Rider bought those Lands with no other Views nor gave he any other Consideration as it is said p. 105 for them than as for an Estate in reversion after the Indians should leave and totally Desert the place according to the true Intent and meaning of the proviso in the Act above mentioned marked C. C. which Intention hath been frequently Explained by the Legislature and a hearing between