

L. H. J. Thereupon they past for Engrossing.

The Report of the Committee appointed on Cap<sup>t</sup> Riders Affair was brought into the House and ordered to be Entered as follows viz:

At a Committee Appointed by the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly to Enquire into the Affair Concerning the Claims made by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Rider and M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Nicholls to some part of the Indians' Lands in Chicowan upon Nanticoke.

The Members appointed are as follows.

Of the Hono <sup>ble</sup>	{	Philemon Lloyd Esq <sup>r</sup> Coll <sup>o</sup> Richard Tilghman	}	the Upper House
Of the Hono <sup>ble</sup>	{	Coll <sup>o</sup> John Mackall Coll <sup>o</sup> Tho: Truman Greenfield John Beale Esq <sup>r</sup> M <sup>r</sup> George Dashiell M <sup>r</sup> John Kirk M <sup>r</sup> Ralph Crabb	}	the Lower House.

Who Make Choice of Philemon Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> Their Chairman and William Ghiselin their Clerk and thereupon proceed to the Subject Matter Given them in Charge, and do Represent that it appeareth to this Committee upon Inspection into the Severall papers Laid before us that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Rider and M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Nicholls their Cases have been very untruly and Artfully Represented unto his Lordship the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> and thereby given this further Occasion of Trouble to the Legislature with an unnecessary additional Charge to Large Sums of Money and Tobacco already Expended upon the frequent Complaints of the Nanticoke and Choptank Indians in Relation to Injuries done them by the English and particularly with Regard to the before mentioned Cases.

This Committee takes the Liberty of Observing that Cap<sup>t</sup> Rider hath Insinuated his Case as if his Right to the Lands in Question had been prior to the Indian Title by Act of Assembly nor doth it Indeed Appear by the papers Laid before us whether the Indians had any Right att all to the Lands at Chicowan before the time of his purchase and the Demise in his Case mentioned, Whereas we find that the Indians Titles According to an Alottment of Lands made them were very Early preserved Either by the Act of the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> himself or by the publick Act of the Country, but it appeareth that Cap<sup>t</sup> Riders purchases were made so late as Anno 1713 and 1720, and have Reason to believe that the purchase