

dians mixt with them Remaining Sole masters and possessors L. H. J. of that town and the adjacent parts upon Nanticoke River as a Reserve made by the Government to that Nation, seeing that we do not find any Lands since the Year 1672 have been Survey'd within the Bounds of that Large tract of Land untill very Lately by Cap^t Rider and others, but that the said Land remained as a possession and territory to the Nanticoke Indians for by the Articles of Peace made with Unnacocasimmon upon March the 28th 1678 after a Second Rupture with the Nanticoke it was then Stipulated in the 6th 9th and 10th Articles that whatever Servants, and Slaves or Strange Indians should be Entertained in the Town Dominions or Territories of the said Emperour that the first should be apprehended and Carried to the first English Plantation and that the Emperor himself should be Answerable for all Mischiefs perpetrated by the Latter, and further that the said Unnacocasimmon Should Yearly and every Year upon the Twentieth day of Octo^r pay four Indian Arrows as an Acknowledgment to his Lordship and as a token of the Continuance of Peace. This proves an Alotment or General Reserve of Land to have been made to the Nanticoak Indians as it is Imply'd by the Word Acknowledgment Although the Bounds thereof were not particularly agreed upon.

But upon Complaints of Incroachments Oppression and other Injurs done to those Indians, as it is Express in the Act of 1698 for ascertaining the Bounds of a Tract of Land for the use of the Nanticoke Indians, The Legislature then took the Affair in hand and by an act Ascertained very particularly the Extent of that Dominion and Territories above Mentioned thereby to Secure peace and Tranquility to this province by Redressing the Discontents of those people, least following the Example of the Pascattaway and other Indians on the Western Shoar who were at the same time Retired back into the Mountains upon Some discontent about their Town Lands made frequent Incursions among the out plantations which did Oblige the Government to Maintain at a Vast Expençe very great Numbers of Rangers for Protecting the back Inhabitants of Prince Georges and Baltemore Counties from the Insults of those Savages.

This Committee is further of Opinion that it was through p 70 an Apprehensōn of the Like Mischiefs from the Eastern Shore Indians which facilitated the passing the Above mentioned Act of Assembly Rather then any design in the Legislature of making the English proprietors of Lands within the Indian Bounds Easey, or through any Expectation of those Indians Desserting or Leaving the Place as it is falsely Suggested by Cap^t Rider for the Same Motives appear after-