

L. H. J. wards to have obtained with the Legislature Viz: Anno Seventeen hundred and Eleven in making the purchase of Three thousand Acres of Land for the same Indians at Broad Creek at a Conjunction when the Troubles of the Indians at Carowlina put them in mind of the necessary Measures of Quieting the Minds of our Indians then Sowered by the frequent Injuries done them by the English and particularly by turning Horses into their Corn fields

Having thus Represented the Right of the Indians to their Town Lands and particularly that of the Nanticokes to the Chiccacon Town, we proceed in the next to Examine the Allegacōns of Cap^t Rider with Regard to the Dissertion of that Town it being alledged in his Case that the Nanticoke Indians in the Spring 1722 not only Omitted the planting of Corn on the said Lands but broke down and burnt their fences and Removed to a place twenty Miles higher up Nanticoke River.

This seems to look Something like a Desertion and leaving the places according to the words of the Act if the facts alledged had been true but upon Inquirey into the Matter we find that the Nanticoke Indians upon some Disgust through Injuries done them by the English removed higher up the River about twenty Years agoe and not in the Year 1722 to a place Called Broad Creek which was afterwards in the Year 1711 purchased for them by the Country as a further provision for those Indians as appears by an Act of Assembly made for that purpose whereby it is Evident that the Nanticoke Indians by their Removall and Settlement at Broad Creek did not Disert nor Leave their Town at Chiccacon Creek as it is Insinuated in the Case Seeing the Broad Creek Town to which most of the Nanticoke Indians had retired was Intended by the Legislature to be a further provision and Relief to them, Against Injuries done them by the English whilst the Choptank Indians with another part of the Nanticokes Remained at Chiccacan and so Continued to do notwithstanding Incroachments of the English and other Injuries done them of which they frequently Complained Still Asserting their Right to Chiccacon Town as by a Complaint personally Exhibited to the two Houses of Assembly in the Year 1719 by Panquass and Anatocam Chiefs of the Nanticoke Indians Against a Certain Roger Fowler praying that he might be Removed from thence. It was Ordered thereupon that Roger Fowler do remove from off the Indians Lands by the January following as he will Answer the Contrary at his Perill, and again by the Journall of 1721, it appears that the Nanticoke and Choptank Indians Complain of Incroachments made by