

moted, wherefore we hope the Ill Consequences Charg'd (as we think unjustly) on us will lye Rather at the Doors of those who have too precipitately taken upon them to Commit persons, who had already Suffered for Crimes formerly Committed, without being guilty of any New Transgression

Sign'd p Order Geo. Plater Cl Up: Ho:

Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly

Novem<sup>r</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> 1725

Gentlemen.

Upon Considering Your Message Yesterday by Cap<sup>t</sup> King and Cap<sup>t</sup> Hooper Relating to the Report of the Conferrees upon the Subject of the Indian Lands, we do not find any Paragraph in the Act of 1723 granting Indian Possession which Relates to Cap<sup>t</sup> Rider in particular he being upon the same foot with others who had Lands Surveyed within those Indian Limitts but if by Repealing a paragraph of the Late Act, you Intend only that the Indian Possession by the Late act should lye under the Like limitation as the same was heretofore limited by a proviso in the Act for Ascertaining the Bounds of a Certain tract of Land to the use of the Nanticoke Indians &c: we shall acquiesce the Differences in the Limitations to us appearing very small if any at all; for an Estate to those Indians, and their Heirs and Successors for ever, by the Act of 1698, with a Limitation only to the time of their deserting and leaving the same appears to us to be little Inferiour to the Estate granted by the Late Act for and during the time they or any of them shall think fitt to use, and not wholly and Totally desert and Quitt Claim to the same; But inasmuch as many Complaints of Disturbance by the English had been made to the Governour the Legislature in prudence thought it not only Proper but very Necessary to Enact a free peacable and uninterrupted possession of that Tract to those Indians, But if your House Think the Repealing of the Limitation in the Late Act and Leaving the Nanticoke Indians Right of Possession under the same Restriction and Limitation it was after the time of making the Act of 1698 aforesaid to be of Right to Capt Rider, we shall very willingly Gratify you therein, But seeing that the Session seems to be upon the Close, we propose the Repealing of the said Paragraph to be Referr'd to the Next Sessions of Assembly.

Sign'd p Order. George Plater Cl. Up: Ho: