

the reversion in 1664 acres part of the land described in the said act of 1704 is claimed by the heirs of colonel Rider under grants made many years before that act; but it does not appear in any manner, that he, or any other person hath ever received any satisfaction therefor; and that the reversion in some other parts of the Nanticoke tract, is claimed under grants to colonel William Ennals, made since the year 1704. We conceive it to be clear, from the purview of the said recited acts, and of one other act of assembly made in the year 1723 for quieting the possessions of the indians inhabiting on Nanticoke and Choptank Rivers, that the intention of the legislature was nothing more than to provide for and secure to those people a dwelling place and the means of a comfortable subsistence so long as they should incline to remain among us; and therefore, to permit such of them as are now left, who appear to be very few to sell the lands, would be directly contrary to the intention of those laws; and we are also of opinion, that it cannot be for the interest of the indians themselves, to be permitted to do so, nor would be consistent with the justice and to the public and individuals.

L. H. J.
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Which is read, and approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed

M.^r Gresham hath leave of absence till Monday next

On motion, that that part of his excellencys speech which recommends some notice to be taken of the confusion occasioned in this province by the loss of land boundaries, and the variation of the compass: Resolved that the same be taken into consideration on Friday next

The governor communicated to M.^r speaker the following message:

May 28.th 1768.

Gentlemen of the lower house of assembly,

You will observe by the advertisement herewith sent, what a horrid piece of villainy hath been perpetrated in Baltimore County. Application hath been made to me to grant my pardon to one of the offenders, in case he shall discover the other; but as I conceive the offer of a reward would contribute more powerfully to detect and bring to justice the villains concerned in this atrocious offence, I recommend to you to appropriate a sum to that purpose that it may be notified in my proclamation. I might observe to you, that it is not long since an instance of a similar nature happened in the same county, which evinces the necessity of pursuing the most vigorous measures to bring such villains to condign punishment

Hor^o Sharpe

The following advertisement

Hunting Ridge May 24.th 1768

[*This advertisement is printed in full in the Upper House Journal, [p. 285]*]

Resolved, that three hundred dollars be applied as a reward for apprehending the perpetrators of the fact mentioned in the said