

Afternoon of 3rd June Day

The Great men of Cascattaway (to say) onely Nicotaghon
& Emperour and Aquintimo the speaker being come
together with Chotik and severall other Choptico
Indians, It was Ordred to Enquire of them

1. Why not more of the great men of Cascattaway then
the Emperour and speaker onely were come. When they very
well know that they were sent for upon so considerable
an occasion as the business therein was. To which they
did answer that, to wit after some pause they answered that
most of their great men were very busy in gathering
together their dead bones &c.
2. Who should speak for them, Aquintimo the speaker of
Cascattaway or Chotik. He being also come with y^e to wit
the Emperour made Answer Both.

Both were accordingly admitted in their turnes not
interrupting one another

The Governour & Council then proceede to Major William Boarman
the Interpreter to propound to them what was concluded on in the
morning w^{ch} the Interpreter accordingly deliverd to them by little
and little y^e summe of all.

At hearing whereof they seemed to startle, the Governour & Council
thereupon resolved to quit y^e Room to them and allow them some
time to consider and returne their Answer

After some pause having consulted a while Chotik is ordred
to answer for them in manner following

That they are very sad and troubled at y^e Accident, the
English and they having always been one (as they say)
that they were friends and did then acknowledge that
the English had been their greater friends, by whose aid and
assistance and under whose protection they had subsisted,
that they very well know they had many enemies, and
the English onely their friends whom they could depend on, and
if once they should break with them, they must certainly
be most miserable, expecting nothing but Death that as
touching the murder & y^e demands of the English thereupon
they could at present give no positive answer as not
being yet sensible who were the murderers, that they will make
it their business to find out y^e truth and make strict in-
quisition amongst all their young men endeavouring what
in them lies to find out y^e murderers, that on Tuesday the 27th
instant they will send an Account of their proceedings & give
their further answer to what has been offered to them this day.

W^{ch} being concluded on y^e Council and ordred to meet again
at the same place Tuesday the 27th Instant 1698.