

Talbot County Major Wm Courty in room of Capt. Low.

London County Capt. Tho. Walker to continue if not sent from y^e Com^{rs}

Dorchester County Stephen Gary in room of Capt. Taylor.

Baltimore County Major Tho. Long to continue.

Frederick County Capt. Jonathan Treby to continue.

Complaint having been made to his Excellency that there is a Person in Somerset County who having a warrant to take up some Land in P^r County hath laid out and is intended to speak among y^e Indians upon y^e Land where they now live to y^e great annoyance and Dissatisfaction of the said Indians who desire to live among themselves without Disturbance It is therefore Ordered that Proclamations issue forth prohibiting all Persons whatsoever to speak upon any Land where any of our Neighbour Indians are actually settled or so near to them as to annoy or Disturb them without further Ord^r from his Excellency and the Council.

His Excellency and the Council having been informed that there is an Indian lately come to y^e Piscataway from y^e Simiquoy do. resolve to direct giving any positive answer to the Piscataway Indians concerning Wajotaga (whofe life they had earnestly required his Excellency to spare) until such time as they should first have some Discourse with y^e Indian of y^e Simiquoy in order to their better understanding y^e present posture and condition of the said Indians. But upon further consideration it was concluded & advised by the whole Council to the contrary that if y^e Piscataway Indians should be further earnest and importunate with his Excellency for y^e life of Wajotaga that then his Excellency would please to returne the money to him in giving him his life at their request.

Ordered that notice be given to y^e Piscataway Indians by James Smallwood of Charles County that his Excellency and y^e Council will be at y^e Governours house on Monday or Tuesday next where they desire to speak with the Indian that lately came from y^e Simiquoy who they desire to come thither at y^e time appointed, and that in order to y^e conference Thomas Parker of Charles County (if he be able to come) be required to give his attendance there as Interpreter, and in case of his not being able to come then that Major Wm. Bowman be desired to be there at y^e time prefixed.

At a Council held at y^e Towne Hall y^e 31th of March 1678:

Present.

The Council
The Secretary
The Hon^{ble} Col^l: Brook
Col^l: Taylor
Col^l: Ross

Capt. Richard Coville Command^{er} of the Ship Francis of Lond^{on} having last year upon his arrival here from the Province falsely and Maliciously Reported that y^e Govern^{or} of this Province had by Ord^r from his Excellency the R^{oy}al Proclam^{ation} imposed a Oath of Fidelity on y^e People of this Province by w^{ch} they were to swear allegiance to his Excellency against all Princes whatsoever and more especially ag^{ainst}