

any English that were taken out of Virginia last year.
Answ: There are among them two English which were taken last year
whom they have so far corrupted that they are become all one
Indians with themselves and as forward for any mischief as they
themselves can be, there were also more English amongst them but
whether they are Ransomed or killed or what is become of them
they know not.

Qu: Whether y^e aforementioned severall nations of Indians did not
usually goe one or twice a year to y^e place where y^e English (as
they call them) live, to trade.

Answ: Yes and that y^e next month the said Indians are intended
thither, where they trade with Skins and receive in truck Powder
Shot, Gunns, and Matchcoats.

Qu: whether any french lived among those Indians at y^e four
aforementioned Towns from whence y^e Indian came that intended
back again.

Answ: that the french sometimes came among them to trade and that
some of them are frequently amongst those Indians.

His L^{ty}: The Interpreter then gave them to understand that he was
very glad to see them and to receive this relation from them wherein
he took a great deal of satisfaction, Desiring that Indian
the next time he came for Maryland to bring a french man with
him for that his L^{ty} understood french and could discourse wth him.

To w^{ch} y^e said Indian replied smiling that it was not to be expected
for that he would never be able to undertake so long a journey.

His L^{ty}: further told them that he was of opinion that there were
severall french men used to come down in those parts they have
from time to time sent out.

To w^{ch} they say possibly there may be some such among them as likely as
those two English before mentioned.

The Speaker then produced and layd upon y^e Table a broad Bill of Lead
saying this is our Paper and although y^e six f^{ms} is to be laid at our
heads for y^e present yet we intend to send this Bill as a token of our
love to y^e four Nations of Indians from whence our friend came by
whom we intend to signify our love and friendship towards them for
all their civility shewed to him, but whether he may live to carry it
to them or be killed by y^e way we know not, but are resolved to venture.

The said Indian whom it was to be sent then spoke and said that
he will carry it and deliver it to one of y^e greatest men of y^e greatest
nation of those Indians as a token of friendship and Amity from the
Emperour of Casatoway.

To w^{ch} his L^{ty}: The Interpreter did reply that he well approved thereof
and did not question, ^{but} it would be accepted & hoped it might work
good effects, and that for his own part he looked upon y^e said four Nations
of Indians as his good friends and would also consider of some presents