

At a Council held at the City of St. Marie the 16th day
of Aprill Anno 1681:

The Hon^{ble} Lord Prop^r
Philip Calvert Esq^r Secy^r
The Hon^{ble} William Calvert Esq^r Secy^r

His Ex^{ty} acquainted the Board that on Tuesday last the twelfth instant
he being then at Manahowick Neck he receiv^d from thence word to him
the King of Mattawoman and Choptico and pitti fully set forth
to him the distressed condition they were in being in continuall expecta-
tion of their en-mies approach and being surpris^d by them, that not
long since five Choptico Indians were taken away from their hunting
Quarters on the Beaver Damme Manno. so moving to wonder that
his Ex^{ty} had not heard thereof before, they likewise moved his
Ex^{ty} for aid and assistance urging that they had reduced themselves
unto that condition merely by their friendships to the English in
the late expedition ag^t the Susquehannocks in so much that they dar-
not stir out to plant their Corn and did therefore expect to
be protected by the English, that they were very importunate with his
Ex^{ty} to let them know what they might trust to whether they
might be assured of aid and assistance from the English according to
Articles or not, His Ex^{ty} told them that he did not conceive them to
be in such imminent danger as they represented being now
so neere the English where to they replied that both they and
the English very well knew that the enemies would not disturb
the English, but fought onely their lives without any injury to us
His Ex^{ty} then assured them of a supply and thereupon Lord and Capt^{ns}
Randolph Brandt to returne thence with live muskets w^{ch} he had lately
rec^d from the Mattawoman Indians again into their custody for
their present Defense. His Ex^{ty} also declared his Opinion to the King
of Choptico that he thought it might be very necessary and convenient
for him and his Indians to join with ~~the Mattawoman~~ at Nanyung
by w^{ch} means being inforced altogether they would be enabled to
make a better Defense, but the King of Choptico replied that as to that
he could make no reply without having first consulted his great
men who were not then present.

Resolved that an ord^r from this Board be directed to Col^l Henry Darnall
to employ some person whom he shall think fitt to inquire into the
truth of that Report of the five Indians being lately taken away off
the Beaver Damme Manno. & to certifye of same to his Ex^{ty} with all