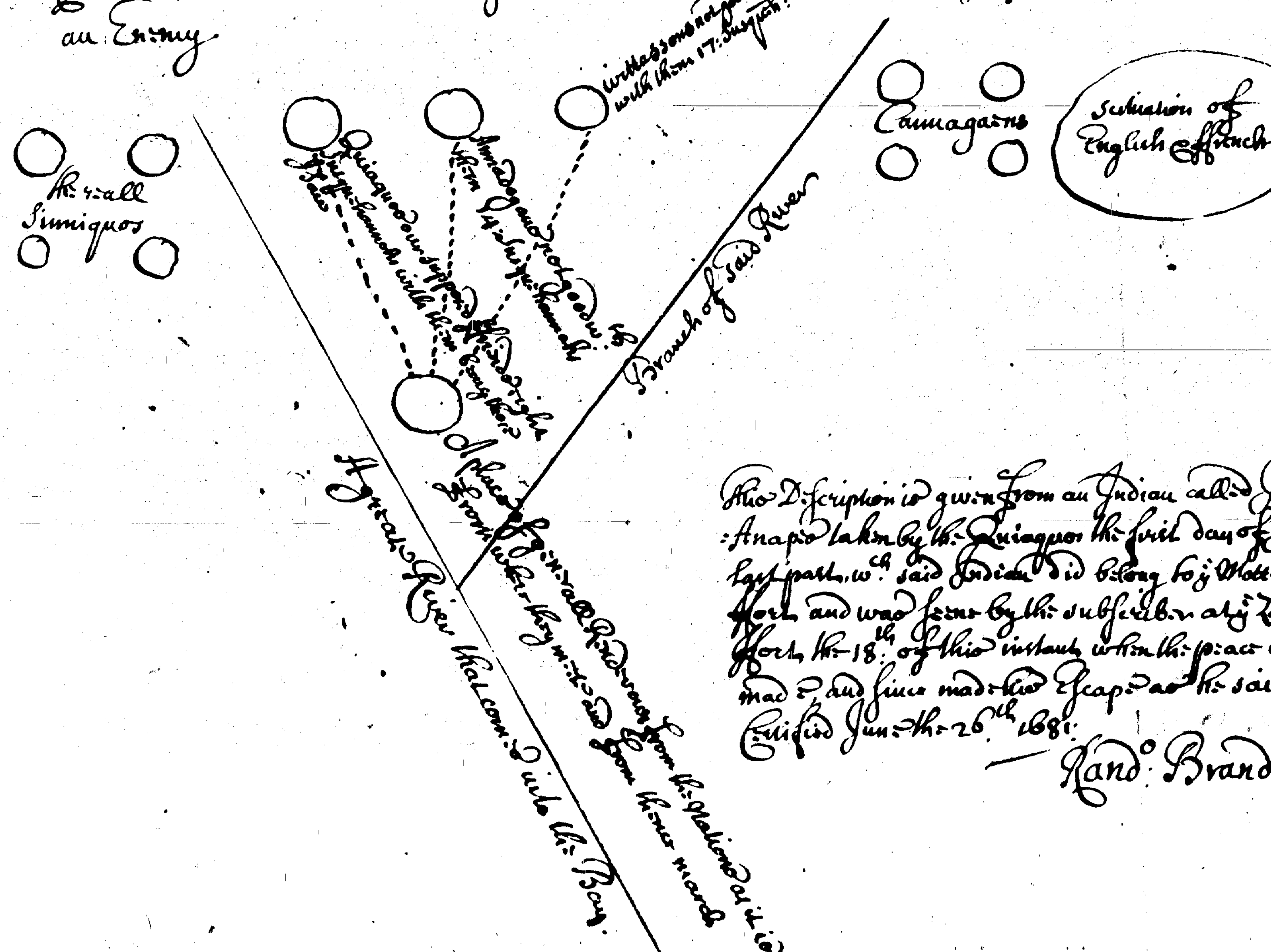
Since the treaty with the aforesaid Indians and the Zachaiahs, One of their great men killed by a Scout; I am just now returned from Zachaiah fort but cannot discover any fforreigne Indians, I shall not omitt any opportunity to treat with them and give your Lordpp a full acct: thereof. There are some persons of our County that possesseth my Officers their Commissions are not in force they being signed by the late Lieutenant Generall Mr: Notley during his pleasure, I humbly request your Lordpp: to send others by the returne of the next post, viz: One for my selfe if with your Lordpps good liking, one for my Lieutenant George Godfrey, one for Robert Middleton Cornett, Mr: Hawkins having sollicited to be out his wife being lately deceased, and One for a Quarter Master to be left blank for whom I shall see most deserving if approoved by your Lordpp: I have nothing worth your Lordpps view but the tender of My best endeavours Subscribe alwaies

from Cold Streame house — Your Lordpps ffaithfull Servant
June the 30th 1681: — Rand: Brandt

May it please your Lordpp:

I would request your Lordpp to afford me your further Instructions if in case I cannot bring the fforreigne Indians to any reasonable complyance my hands are tyed up I shall be loth to sacrifice so many good men and not to doe something for the hono: of your Lordpp and good of this Province, neither would be an instrument to create a warr with so potent an Enemy.



This Description is given from an Indian called Jack: :Anapo taken by the Quiaquos the first day of January last past, wch said Indian did belong to ye Mattawoman ffort, and was seene by the subscriber at ye Zachaia ffort the 18th of this instant when the peace was made, and since made his Escape as the said Certified June the 26th 1681:

Rand: Brandt.

then