

The King of Mattawomanick gives his Letter and Councils understanding
that for his part he had never done the Suniquos any harm, but
was in the same predicament with the English, for the Sasquaway
had sold him as well as the English, and was the first means
of the Damage he had lately sustained from the Northern
Indians in cutting off his fort, that the Sasquaway Indian
lately in a War Dance had strictly required Secum among
them that none should tell what they had done.

His Liege wife further informs the Council

that some time since the Nanjatic Indians came over to the
and told the Poplico Indians that they were making a present
to make peace with the Suniquos which they did with three
hands in a bill of bark and sent it over with an arrow to the
Eastern Shore Indians who presently demanded where was the
other hand for the Mattawomans, the other three hands being
for the Zachariah Poplico and Nanjatic Indians, Unacahashum
the Emperor also asked what the King of Mattawoman did
whether he was still all the while that his hand was not there.

Ordered that John Henry Cury and John William Stevens be
Empowered and Commissioned to treat with the Northern Indians
according to Instructions to be given them in relation thereto with
what shall be thought requisite to be returned them in answer
to their Articles intended to be sent to the Council this Day.

The Commission, Instructions and answer to the Indians Articles
are as followeth viz.

Maryland;

Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^r of the Province of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore. To our right trusty and well beloved
Councilors John Henry Cury and John William Stevens greeting.
Whereas some Troops of the Northern Indians are lately come down into
this Province and (as we are credibly informed) intend to settle themselves and
settle down for some time before or near the Sasquaway fort at Zachariah.
And whereas the said Northern Indians by their propositions in several Articles
lately made unto us desire to enter into League of peace and Amity with
us or rather to confirm their former League made with them in our
behalf by John Henry Cury at Albany; Which hearing we
weighed and considered that the same may be of great Moment and
Concern to us, tending to the quiet peace and safety of the Inhabitants
of this Province. We have by and with the Advice and Consent of
our Council Authorized Commissioned and Empowered, And we do
hereby Authorize Commissioned and Impower you the said John
Henry Cury and John William Stevens our Commission jointly or
severally to treat with the said Indians, In order whereunto you are forthwith
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