

Indians upon Thomas Shespeny & his wife
in Prince Georges County to have a certain young In-
dian said at Choptico Son to the Emperor of Assatto
very secured & kept in the nature of an hostage until
some satisfaction had as to that Murder

The securing the said Indian said is not thought
Convenient at this time but it is advised that the same
shall be well secured until such time as the Assembly
meets & that Coll^o Beal continue working & endeavour
to make some discovery if possible of the Indians that
were concerned in that murder

Resolved that Colonel Coust, Coll^o Beal, Coll^o
Addison, Coll^o Smulwood & M^r John Hawkins acc^o
the Indians that are adjacent to them & came in seem
to be our Friends that they may expect very good treat-
ment from this Government on their good Behav^r

Whereas M^r John Hawkins has sold those In-
dians some Match coats & Powder mixed at the Board
whether he may deliver them the said Match coats &
Powder

Resolved that the said M^r Hawkins deliver the
Indians the Match coats but no Powder as he will
Answer the contrary at his Peril

Resolved that a Messenger be sent to the Emper^r
of Piscatoway by a sufficient number of men to dem^d
Satisfaction for this late it being very strongly presumed
to have been committed by this Indians

Advised that in case the Emperor or King Peter
should accidentally come down among the Inhabitants
that they be secured & brought before his Excellency