

The honorable }  
 Col. Samuel Young }  
 Col. Richard Silliman }  
 Col. M. S. Hart }  
 James Bontis Esq. }

Manner & Inducers having been committed by the Jus-  
 tices of Somerset County to the Custody of Mr. Peter Masters  
 Sheriff of said County in order to be brought before this  
 Board to be examined touching a Complaint made against  
 him for having sold or otherwise disposed of an Indian Boy  
 a Son of one of our Secret Indians appeared and being ex-  
 amined touching said Complaint confesses that an Indian  
 Boy named James did in consideration of five Pounds  
 in hand paid a Horse Bridle and Saddle and two Sets  
 of Cloaths, indent to live with him the said Andrews as a  
 Servant for the term of thirty Years and that he sold the said  
 James to a Gentleman in Philadelphia named Nicholas  
 (his Sir name he do's not remember) for the sum of fifteen  
 Pounds, the said Andrews further says that it is a Customary  
 thing in Achamack..... in Virginia for the Indians to  
 work among the Inhabitants and to indent with them  
 for a Time or Term of Years, and that he had indented with  
 the said James in Virginia not in Maryland, and that  
 he did not then nor does he yet know whether the said  
 Indian Boy belonged to the Indian Congee who claimed  
 him or not

And it appearing to this honorable Board that he the  
 said Andrews since his Commitment had not only satis-  
 fied the said Indian Congee but also the King and chief  
 men of the Nation to whom the said Indian Boy did  
 belong and also that he had already suffered upwards of  
 three Months Imprisonment it is their Opinion that the