

The Peninsula from Indian River, and from a Point of such Line Two Hundred
or more as can be agreed / Eastward of the North East Fork of Nanticoke River
where it is intersected by the said East and West Line, let a Line be run North
or North two Degrees West at farthest / Variation allowed for / till it touches Newcast
Circle, and we think if his Lordships suffers the Pensilvanians to run further to
The Westward He may be in Danger of losing the Heads of the Rivers. All which
is submitted to his Lordships Consideration.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Return

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22 Day of
April in the 3 year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1754.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor in Council

Read the following Petition

To His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor & Commander
in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

The humble Petition of the Shoptank & Locust Neck Indians

Most humbly Sheweth

That Whereas we the said Indians being Intitled to and Possesst
of a Parcel of Land lying on Shoptank River in Dorchester County by virtue
of a Treaty Subsisting &c. and afterwards confirmed by act of Assembly of this
Province to us and our Indians so long as we or any of our Indians shall
Peaceably and Quietly occupy Possess and dwell on the same without being
lett hindered disturbed or Inerachod upon by any Person or Persons whatsoever

Your humble Petitioners most humbly Sheweth that continual frauds
Trespases and Inerouchments have been and are yet committed on our Land,
by cutting bearing off and selling large Quantities of Timber of our Lands -
Others who have got in Possesstion of our Lands Refused to give up the same or
pay the yearly Rents thereof continually disturbing those Peaceable People who live
on our Land and of whom we received the yearly Rents thereof - We therefore Most
humbly Beg that your Excellency would by some proper Means Redress our Injuries
and your humble Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray. April 9th 1754.

Hopping ^{his} Sam Abraham A Bishop Thomas T Bishop James Chock
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Ordered that Col Henry Hooper Major John Eccleston and Doctor William
Murray of Dorchester County and William Thomas of Talbot County Gent. or any
three or two of them enquire into the said Complaints and also that they inquire
into the Grounds of any other Complaints made by the said Indians, and that
they send for such Persons as shall be named to them on behalf of the said Indians
and also on behalf of the Persons accused and that they examine them on oath, and
having reduced into Writing the said Examinations so taken by them, they
make Report thereof to this Board with all convenient speed.

Dorchester County. At a meeting of the Commissioners appointed by the
Governor in Council to examine Evidence concerning Trespases
Supposed to be committed on the Indians Lands &c. at the Town