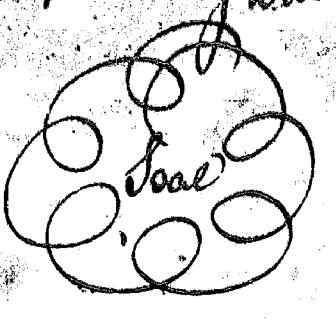


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Chas. Calvert

An Act for quieting the Possessions of the Indians Inhabiting on
 Nanticoke and Choptank Rivers —

Whereas the Indians Inhabiting on Nanticoke and Choptank Rivers have Complain'd to this generall Assembly of severall Infrachments made into the ancient Bounds and limits of their lands heretofore granted them by the Lord Proprietor and confirmed by severall Acts of Assembly of this Province for remedy whereof and to prevent Complaints of like Nature for the future, Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Governor and the upper and lower houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same that the Nanticoke Indians and their Descendants shall have and enjoy a free peaceable and uninterrupted Possession of all that tract or parcels of Land lying between the North West fork of Nanticoke River and Chicoms Creek for and during such Space of Time as they or any of them shall think fitt to use and shall not wholly and totally Desert and quit Claim to the same according as the same is better and bounded by an Act of Assembly of this Province made in the year of Our Lord 1710 hundred Ninety eight Intituled An Act for ascertaining the bounds of a certain Tract of Land to the use of the Nanticoke Indians so long as they shall Occupy and live upon the same And that the said Indians shall not at any time hereafter sell Dispose of or lease for Term of yeare any Part or Parcel of the aforesaid Land to any person or persons whatsoever And that the Choptank Indians and their Descendants so long as they shall Occupy or Claim and shall not totally Desert the same shall hold and Enjoy quietly and peaceably all that tract of Land lying in Dorchester County on Choptank River according to the Meets and bounds thereof Surveyed and returned by the honorable Philipson Lloyd Esq. Richard Silghman and Col. Matthew Silghman Ward Commissioners appointed by his Honor the Governor to ascertain and lay out the same pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Province made in the year of Our Lord 1700 hundred & twenty One that Survey being found pursuant and agreeable to the Intent and Design of our Act of Assembly made at the City of S^t Marys in the year of Our Lord 1700 hundred Eighty Nine by which that Land was granted to the said Indians And be it further enacted that the Choptank Indians aforesaid at any time hereafter shall not on any pretence whatsoever Alienate Dispose sell or lett to yeem any part or parcel of the lands before mentioned except that Part thereof which lies to the Eastward Southward and Westward of those Lines formerly run from the head of Bonstons Swales Creek to the bounded Trees of William Donington by Col. Thomas Smithson and S^t Col. Thomas Small as the Exterior Bounds of the aforesaid Land pursuant to an Ordinance of Assembly then made And that if any person shall presume to purchase or lease any Part thereof (except as before Excepted) such purchase or lease shall be utterly void