

and the People of this Province; and that at that time the Bay was frozen so that the said Young and Indians could not come down to St. Maries according to the Direction & Orders aforesaid, and at that time and no other the said Young did Succour and assist the Susquehanna Indians, who destroyed about 20 or 30 Barrells of Corn besides what that the said Young hath likewise Orders and Instructions under the hand and Seal of Coll Coursey bearing Date the 12th of March 1677 Ordering him the said Young to find out and Endeavour to speak with the Sinnique Indians & as by the same here ready to be produced it doth more at large appear pursuant to which Instructions the said Young did find out and speak with the said Sinnique Indians, but not without great Hazards of his Life, and whereas by one other Commission bearing Date the 11th Day of June 1678 the said Jacob Young was Ordered that as soon as he should be Informed that the Sinnique Indians were come to the old Susquehanna Fort he should repair to them and know from them what their designs tended to, and to endeavour what in him lay to divert them from all manner of Hostility to be used against the Piscataway Indians, (if any such intents they had) by making them sensible that they were friends to the good People of this Province, whom the People of this Province were Bound to protect & as by the said Commission here ready to be produced it doth more fully and at large appear, and whereas by one other Order of Council bearing Date 29th Day of June 1680 the said Jacob Young was Authorized and Empowered at what time he shall be certainly informed the Sinnique Indians are upon their March to lye in wait for them at or near the house of Mr. Anthony Demondier or Elsewhere in their road, and endeavour to speak with the said Indians, and lett them know that his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of this Province is very desirous to speak with some of their great Men, and to have some Conference with them touching their last League, and to renew and confirm the same, & as by the said Order here ready to be produced it doth fully and at large appear; which said Order as well as all the before mentioned Commissions Orders and Directions the said Jacob Young Justly faithfully and honestly performed to his best Skill knowledge and understanding, many times with great Hazard of his Life to the intent only to serve secure and preserve the Lord Proprietary and the good People of this Province and the said Jacob Young doth Avow that the before mentioned Letters, Commissions and Orders, together with a strong Inclination and desire to serve the Lord Proprietary and the good people of this Province, were the only Inducements that invited the said Jacob Young to come from his Habitation in Delaware into this Province in the year 1676 and since to Inhabit and dwell in this Province: and doth utterly Deny that he did ever espouse the Interest of the Susquehanna or Northern Indians or any other Indians whatsoever at times whatsoever in this Province, or else where or did encourage or ever countenance the said Indians to go to war or lie in hostility with the said Piscataway Indians, or the good People of this Province, or did ever Succour assist or entertain the said Indians in any other Manner than is herein before sett forth without which Entertainment he could not have performed the said Orders and Commissions aforesaid