

For that Purpose and whereas we understand that certain
 Indians of several nations to wit the Mattapanians the
 Wicomicons the Patuxants the Samascons the
 Nighthurons and the Chopatons desire to put themselves
 under our Protection and to have a Grant from us of a certain
 Tract of Land in the head of Wicomico River called Chop-
 tico Resolving there to live together that they may neither
 injure the English nor the English them the said quantity of Land
 being as we are informed about eight or ten thousand Acres which
 we conceive may be a means not only to bring them to Civility
 but also to Christianity and may consequently be as well
 an Addition of Comfort and Strength to the English Inha-
 bitants as a safety and protection to those Indians who ha-
 ving been Natives and former Inhabitants of that Part of
 Our said Province where the English now Inhabit and
 not only always well affected unto them but also willing
 to Submit themselves to our Government we Esteem our
 Selves bound in Honour and Conscience to allow them ac-
 cording to their desire some place of Habitation there by a
 Title derived from us and have therefore thought fit for that
 Purpose and do accordingly hereby authorise and require you
 Our said Lieut to Cause by a declaration and Command in
 Our Name under the Great Seal of our said Province as the said
 Indians above mentioned shall with the Approbation of
 You and Our Surveyor General there make Choice of to be
 Erected into a Mannor for the use of us and of our heirs for
 ever with Court Baron and Court Levis Occasion shall
 require in & for the Mannor and to be called by the Name
 of Colverton Mannor of which Mannor our Pleasure is
 that a thousand Acres in the first Place be made Choice of
 by our Surveyor General there in the best and most conve-
 nient place of the said mannor and at a part as he deerns