

for demanding Rent of them for the Land they now live on, which they have enjoyed peaceably these many years by grant from the Lords Baltimore and has taken from them two double Mats Bowls and Baskets, desiring some redress therein.

They also complain that Madam Blackstone threatens for want of Satisfaction made her upon a certaine Judgment obtained of them in the Colonels life tyme, not withstanding they had sold skins toward payment unto the Eld. of y^e Councell, which to the said Madam Blackstone says is not payd her, therefore desire some order therein.

They likewise complain - that one Barber has encroched upon their Land which they have a long tyme enjoyed.

Mr. James Stoddart of y^e Eastern branch of Potomooke in Prince Georges County gives the following account relating to y^e Indians in writing under his hand thus.

That in February last there came to my house about sixteen Indians which Live (as I understand them) some where near the Mountains, they had with them skins and furs, which they offered to sale, the which I bought, when they went away signified that they would come again at y^e Spring of the year and bring some more skins. At that tyme there were some Piscataway Indians had there babbins at my house, but in a few days after they went away. I asked the reason of their going so soon from their hunting quarters, they told me Mr. Imperia had sent for them.

About the twentieth of March last having occasion of a like Graspott, in order to buy one I went to y^e Indian fforte, and never having seen the Imperia, he told me he was very glad to see me. I told him my business, upon which he went to enquire if there were any more in y^e fforte the answer was returned there was none, afterwards they showed me an old one they had bought, further in discourse the Imperia asked me if no body came with me, and if I came from home that morning, that I came that morning from Mr. Hutchynson, and that he directed me the way to the fforte, further he told me that there had been some Senega Indians dealing with me. I told him it was so, he further told me that news came to him two dayes ago that a man in Virginia was shot by Indians, and he went to see, and he found it false, he seemed to blame the English for raising such false reports.

On the thirde day of April last I having been abroad and coming home late the night before, in the morning I went out to my people to see their worke and what they had done, I was scarce soone come out and talking with some of my people but we heard one of my Negroes cry out, we all run out to see what the matter till I came to see about ten Indians naked not painted coming out of a branch aiming toward