

“ That it should be lawful for any Person or Persons that had formerly taken up, and obtained
 “ any Grants from the Lord *Baltimore*, for any Tracts or Parcels of Land within the Boundaries
 “ thereof, upon *Indians* deserting or leaving the said Land, to enter, occupy, and enjoy the
 “ same:” That, by another Act, passed in the Year 1711, Three Thousand Acres of Land,
 on *Broad-Creek*, on *Nanticoke* River, were directed to be laid out by Commissioners, valued by a
 Jury, and paid for by the Public; and, “ That when the same should be laid out, and paid for
 “ by the Public, as aforesaid, the same should be to the Use of the *Nanticoke* *Indians*, so long
 “ as they should occupy the same, and afterwards should be disposed of as the General Assembly
 “ of this Province should direct.” That the Commissioners appointed by the last mentioned
 Act, caused the Three Thousand Acres of Land to be laid out and valued, and returned a Cer-
 tificate of their Proceedings into the Provincial Court Office, where it now remains of Record,
 by which it appears the Land belonged to several Owners and Proprietors, and was valued in
 the Whole, to 60,000^{lb} Tobacco, which together with 8,880^{lb} Tobacco, for Improvements
 made on Part of the Land, and Expences attending the surveying and valuing thereof, was, as
 appears by the Assembly Proceedings in the Year 1712, allowed by, and assessed on the Public.
 By the Papers laid before us, it appears the Reversion in 1664 Acres, Part of the Land de-
 scribed in the said Act of 1704, is claimed by the Heirs of Colonel *Rider*, under Grants made
 many Years before that Act; but it does not appear, in any Manner, that he, or any
 other Person, hath ever received any Satisfaction therefor; and that the Reversion in some
 other Parts of the *Nanticoke* Tract, is claimed under Grants to Colonel *William Enmalls*, made
 since the Year 1704. We conceive it to be clear, from the Purview of the said recited
 Acts, and of one other Act of Assembly made in the Year 1723, for quieting the Posses-
 sions of the *Indians* inhabiting on *Nanticoke* and *Choptank* Rivers, that the Intention of the Le-
 gislature was nothing more than to provide for, and secure to those People, a Dwelling-Place,
 and the Means of a comfortable Subsistence, so long as they should incline to remain among us;
 and therefore to permit such of them as are now left, who appear to be very few, to sell the
 Lands, would be directly contrary to the Intention of those Laws; and, we are also of Opinion,
 that it cannot be for the Interest of the *Indians* themselves, to be permitted to do so, nor would
 be consistent with the Justice due to the Public, and Individuals.

Which is read, and approved of, and ordered to be ingrossed.

Mr. *Gresham* hath Leave of Absence 'til Monday next.

On Motion, That that Part of his Excellency's Speech which recommends some Notice to
 be taken of the Confusion occasioned in this Province by the Loss of Land Boundaries, and the
 Variation of the Compass: *Resolved*, That the same be taken into Consideration on Friday
 next.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message: *May 28, 1768.*

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

YOU will observe by the Advertisement herewith sent, what a horrid Piece of Villainy hath
 been perpetrated in *Baltimore* County. Application hath been made to me to grant my
 Pardon to one of the Offenders, in case he shall discover the other; but, as I conceive the Of-
 fer of a Reward would contribute more powerfully to detect, and bring to Justice the Villains
 concerned in this atrocious Offence, I recommend to you to appropriate a Sum to that Purpose,
 that it may be notified in my Proclamation. I might observe to you, that it is not long since
 an Instance of a similar Nature happened in the same County, which evinces the Necessity of
 pursuing the most vigorous Measures to bring such Villains to condign Punishment.

H O R ° . S H A R P E.

The following Advertisement :

“ *Hunting-Ridge, May 24, 1768.*

“ **W**HEREAS Two Men broke into my House, on Tuesday last, and, after rummaging
 “ below, went up Stairs into a Chamber, where my Wife and a young Lady were ly-
 “ ing, whom they treated in a shocking and most barbarous Manner: First, whetting their
 “ Knives before them, then seizing them by their Throats, with many Motions as if they
 “ would murder them, except they would give their Money; and kept them in that miserable
 “ Condition for Four or Five Hours, having wounded my Wife in the Hand, and the young
 “ Lady very terribly in the Shoulder. I hereby offer a Reward of TEN POUNDS to any
 “ Person, not concerned in the Crime, that will discover the Authors, so as they may be
 “ brought to Justice; and to either of the Two Persons who broke the House, I will give the
 “ Sum of TEN POUNDS, if he will convict the other; provided I can obtain his Excellency's
 “ Pardon for him. JAMES CALDER.

“ It is hoped every honest Person will discover any Person suspected, and send me Informati-
 “ on, as I am determined to spare no Cost nor Trouble to bring the Villains to Justice. They
 “ had also the Impudence to stay 'til almost Sun-rise, tho' both my Wife and the young Lady
 “ saw some of the Servants belonging to the Family, up, yet they were afraid to call to them,
 “ for Fear of instant Death, which the Villains often threatened, if they made the least Noise.
 “ J. C.”