

July the 7th 1696.

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The s^d Commission being accordingly prepared was Read and approved off and was Signed by his Ex^{ncy} and passed the broad Seal of the province, which follows in these words, Viz^t

Whitehall

Maryland ss

Commission
constituting
the Empr of
Piscattoway
Comand^r of
all the Indians
on the Wes-
tern Shore.

William the Third by the Grace of God King of England, Scotl, ffrance and Ireland Defender of the ffaith, &c^a

To Ochotomoquath Cheif Ruler (and Commonly Called Empero^r) of the Piscattoway Indians living in Charles County on the Western Shore, Greeting, We Reposing Especial Trust & Confidence in the prudence, courage and Integrity of You the s^d Ochotomoquath have therefore thought fit to Constitute and appoint and by these presents doe constitute and appoint you the s^d Ochotomoquath to be Cheif Comand^r and Gov^r over all the Nations of Indians living within the limits and precincts of this province in any part or place whatsoever on the Western Shore and for to Rule and Govern them in such manner and fform and by Such Rules and Ord^{rs} as is Customary amongst you, Provided You the s^d Ochotomoquath do well and truly Observe, perform and Obey all such lawfull Instructions and Commands as You shall from time to time Receive from Us or our Cap^t Gen^{ll} and Govern^r in Cheif of our s^d Province hereby Willing and Requiring all the s^d Severall Nations of Indians to be Obedient and Subject unto you the s^d Ochotomoquath in the Execution of this our Commission, under pain of our displeasure ; And lastly We do hereby declare Ordain and Appoint that you the s^d Ochotomoquath shall and may hold Execute and Enjoy the Office and place of Command^r in Chiefe over all the s^d Severall Nations of Indians living & Residing on the Western Shore within our s^d Province together with all the powers and Authorities hereby Granted unto you for and dureing our will and pleasure ; Given under the Broad Seal of our s^d Province this 14th day of July in the Eighth Year of our Reign &c^a Annoq Domini 1696. Witness our Trusty and well beloved ffrancis Nicholson Esq Cap^t Gen^{ll} and Governor in Cheif in and over our s^d Province and Territory of Maryland.

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ffr. Nicholson.

Taken into Consideration the Sending an Answer to the Governo^r of New Yorks last Letter by his Ex^{ncy} Rec^d of the 22th of June last past the w^{ch} accordingly was done the s^d L^{re} & Answer following in these words Viz^t