

ing from those Indians but that Liberty being deny'd him, L. H. J. for the Ill Consequences that had been found to attend such practices, he then Made his Application to the Lord Prop<sup>r</sup> and very artfully Insinuated in his Case, that his Lands were not Included within the bounds of the Tract Mentioned in the Act of 1669 Marked H. H. but the Gent<sup>n</sup> was not so Ingenious as to Inform his Lordship that his Lands were Included within the Limits of the Chiccoan Town Reserved to the Nanticoke Indians in 1668, and more particularly in the Year 1678 and at length Invested In the said Indians by Act of Assembly in 1698 long before his purchase or Maj<sup>r</sup> Hicks devise to him of any the Lands in Question.

This Committee upon Inspection into the papers of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Nicholls of Dorchester County, do find the facts relating to the Manner and Validity of his Purchase from the Indians to be very Unfairly represented to his Lordship in the Case laid before us for he therein hath very Industriousl<sup>y</sup> p. 73 Concealed all those Circumstances, which were previous to his purchase, and would have proved the unreasonableness of it, as well as the particular Motives which after Induced the Legislature to Annull and make void his Deed and totally to Restrain any kind of Allienation for Nanticoke or Chop-tank Indian Lands for the future, whether by Lease or purchase for the frequent Complaints of the Indians to the Governour and Council, as well as to the two Houses of Assembly have arisen either from purchases Leases or other Incroachments made upon the Indians Limits, the Source of all our Late Differences with the Indians, for Prevention whereof, and to put an End to all those Disputes which have been a great Interruption to Business and a vast Charge to the Publick of this Province, the Legislature Impowered the Governour for the time being to Appoint Commissioners to Ascertain the bounds of the Indians Lands and for Determining all Differences between the English and them, in Pursuance whereof Philemon Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Richard Tilghman and Coll<sup>o</sup> Matthew Tilghman Ward in Novem<sup>r</sup> 1721 did lay out and Ascertain the Exterior Boundaries of the Choptank Indian Lands reserved to them by Act of Assembly Anno 1669 marked A: A: and Considering how small a part of that Large tract of Land either by Sales, Leases, or other Incroachments made by the English was then left to those Indians to make Corn upon, The Commission<sup>rs</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> thought it a part of their Duty, and for the publick Service of the Country to give such publick Notice to the Inhabitants Contiguous to the Indian Tract aforesaid (of which M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Nicholls was one) as might prevent the purchasing, Leasing or any other