

Liber C. B. it is Conceived for that and several other Reasons that there is no Absolute necessity of a General Assembly at present Given under our hands at Saint Marys the 28th day of June 1652

William Cleyborne Richard Bennett

[Peace with Indians. Affairs on Kent Island.]

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At a Court held at S^t Maries the 28th day of June Anno Dni 1652 being the first Sitting of the Court after the alteracōn of the Governm^t the Same day

present { William Stone Esq Governo^r } Coll^o ffrancis Yardley
 { Thomas Hatton Secretary } M^r Job Chandler
 { Robert Brooke Esq } M^r Rich^d Preston

Whereas this Court is informed that the Sasquehanna Indians have a long time desired and much pressed for the conclusion of a peace with the Government and Inhabitants of this Province which as is now conceived may tend very much to the Safety & advantage of the Inhabitants here if advisedly effected, It is therefore Ordered and this Court doth hereby give full power & authority unto Richard Bennett Esq M^r Edward LLoyd Cap^t W^m fuller M^r Thomas Marsh and M^r Leonard Strong or any three or more of them whereof the Said Richard Bennett Esq to be one at Such time and place as they Shall think Convenient to Consult and treat with the Said Sasquahanna Indians, and by the use of all Lawfull and fitting means (if they can) to conclude a League and peace on the behalf of this Governm^t and the Inhabitants thereof with
 p. 327 the Said Sasquahanna Indians Soe As the peace Safety and advantage of the Inhabitants here may be (Soe far as in them lies) thereby advanced Settled and preserved

And Whereas divers Complaynts have been made heretofore by the Inhabitants of the Isle of Kent and others ag^t Cap^t Robert Vaughan Commander of the Said Island for divers misdemeanors and abuses in the execucōn of his Office & otherwise noe Course having been hitherto taken in the due execucōn thereof for the Satisfaction of the Said Inhabitants who have Several times attended this Court for that purpose to their great charge & trouble, and the Said Cap^t Vaughan not now appearing according to expectacōn, It is therefore by the Governor of this Province with the advise of the Counsell for avoyding of ffrurther charge and trouble to the Said Inhabitants in attending this Court again at Soe great distance upon this occasion thought fitt and Soe Ordered that the Matter Complayned of be referred to the hearing examinacōn and determinacōn of the persons before named or any three or more

of them whereof the Said Richard Bennett Esq to be one who are hereby desired and authorised at Such time and place as they Shall think fitt for that purpose to call the Said Cap^t Robert Vaughan before them, and if upon the hearing and examinacōn of the matter they Shall See Cause for it, to remove him from his Said place of Commander of the Said Island, as also to appoint and Constitute the Said M^r Thomas Marsh or Some other fitting and able person to the Said place or Office of Commander of the Said Island, who is hereby in that Case by the Said Governor with the advice aforesaid as fully authorised for that purpose as any other Commander of any other County within this Province, Till further Order be taken therein. Liber B.

The Peace wth Sasque-
hanogh Indians made
A^o 1652

Articles of Peace and freindshipp,
treated and agreed vpon the 5th day
of Iuly 1652 Betweene the English
Nation in the Province of Maryland on the one party,
And the Indian Nation of Sasquesahanogh, on the
other partie as followeth. Liber H. H.
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1. First that the English Nation shall haue hould and enioy to them their heires and Assignes for Ever, all the land lying from Patuxent River vnto Pallmers Iland on the Wester Side of the Baye of Chesepiake, And from Choptanke River to the North East Branch w^{ch} lyes to the Northward of Elke River. On the Easter Side of the Said Bay with all the Jlands, Rivers, Creekes Trees, ffish fflowle Deere, Elke and whatsoever else to the same belonging Excepting the Ile of kent, and Palmers Jlands which belongs to Captaine Clayborne. But Nevertheless it shalbe lawfull for the aforesaid English, or Indians to build a Howse or ffort for trade or any such like vse or Occasion at any tyme vpon Palmers Jland.

2^{ly} That if any Damage or Jniury be done on either Side at any tyme hereafter, either by the English or Indians aforesaid, or by any other Allyes, Confederats Tributaries or Servants, that Reparation be made and satisfaction given from each to other from tyme to tyme as the Case requires, and as in Reason should be done betweene those that are freinds, and that desire soe to Continue.

3^{ly} That if any the people or Servants belonging to the English or to the Indians shall goe away or Run away from either side, they shall not be concealed or kept away from each other, But shall with all Convenient speede be retourned back and brought home, And satisfaction to be made in a Reasonable way for transportation by land or water to those that bring them in.

Liber H. H. 4^{ly} That vpon any occasion of buisness to the English, or any Messadge or the like, the Jndians shall come by Water and not by land, That there shall not be aboue Eight or ten at the most at one tyme, And that they bring with them the token given them by the English for that purpose, by which they may be knowen and entertained, As also that the English on their parts when they send to the Jndians, the Messenger shall Carry the token which wee haue receiued from them.

p. 63 5^{ly} And Lastly that these Articles and every particular of them shalbe really and inuolably observed kept and performed by the two Nations before named, and by all the people belonging to them, or that are in amity with them for Ever, to the End of the World And that all former Iniuries being buried and forgotten, from henceforward they doe promise and agree to walke together and Carry one towards another in all things as freinds and to assist one another accordingly But if it should soe happen at any tyme hereafter that either party is weary of the Peace, and Intends warr then that the Same shalbe signified and made knowne each to other by Sending in and delivering vp this writting before any Acts of Hostillity or Enmity be done or attempted, and that twenty dayes warneing thereof be given before hand.

These severall Articles were solemnly and mutually debated and Concluded at the River of Severne in the Province of Maryland by Richard Bennett Esquier M^r Edward LLOYde, Capⁿ William fuller, M^r Thomas Marsh, and M^r Leonard Strong Commissioners authorized and appointed by the Governor and Councill of the aforesaid Province And by Sawahegeh Treasurer, Auroghtaregh Soarhuhadigh Ruthchogah and Wathetdianeh Warr Captaines and Councillors of Sasquehanogh Commissioners appointed and sent for that purpose by the Nation and State of Sasquehanogh. And were fully Ratified done and Confirmed by Severall presents, Guifts and tokens of freindship mutually given receiued and accepted on both Sides. In wittnes whereof the aforesaid Commissioners in behalfe of the aforesaid Nation haue herevnto sett their hands and Seales the day and yeare aboue written

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		Locus × Sigilli:

William Lawson.
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