

Grand River April 5th 1853.

Hon. Wm. A. Steward.

Dear Sir.

We have received a copy of printed Report of the result in your examination, which carefully searched at ^{from Philip E. Thomas V.} from your commencement for about 200 years, and all the Laws & dealings with the Nanticoke Indians. That ample evidence has been found that the Nanticoke were fully paid, as far back as the year 1768, that is 85 years ago, the amount which their agent Amos Ogden agreed to accept in full consideration for their remaining Lands in the State of Maryland. And therefore our memorialists were mistaken. The Committee ask that the memorialists have leave to withdraw their petition. It appears is too much doubtful in your records which you found at any honesty were paid to the Indians, about their Lands, and so large a Territory, with a beautiful Bay of Chesapeake, and inexhaustible abounds of fishes and Oysters, and good navigable Bay, that your State will be everlasting enriched themselves. And we will ask you where is our investment in the treasury if we ~~actually~~ received "were fully paid," which you call. We suppose you will find, how many thousand Dollars were paid to our forefathers, after they were made surrendered of all their Lands in eastern shores to the Chesapeake Bay. We know all men, that you cannot be denied that the worth of our Lands, that they never fully paid any equivalent price of their Lands. Our people when we heard it of what the last resulting on our business, are full lamentations and dismayed

of so great disappointment, and so much sacrifices of their monies already since they commenced prosecuted about the old claims. more than \$250, without having received any benefited from them. but however, We will not be discouraged at all. And We will make another Petition to the Legislature, and We will rely upon their generosity toward the Red men of the forest, as the ancient friendship with our people, as we once a Queen of the forest, when your forefathers were landed on our shores, We gave you room to lodging, and sustained you with our protection under our wings. And now, ^{we} became poor and helpless condition, Will you do the same, as we did done to your people in ancient times? And We rejoiced to learned that our forefathers, has always been of the most peaceful and friendly character.

You said, "The Indians of Maryland ^{land} were not like those of some other regions, continually at war with the whites." We hope the same possess of that spirit at this time, that we could help in time of need. And We will make a better Petition, and well prepared for the next time. And We wish you would let us know, how much the money were paid to the Nanticoke Indians, in different times in ancient times. We should be glad to answer us immediately. Your friend
Cornelius Anderson X

Witness

John Williams X Nanticoke
William Longfish X Chief

James N. Curtis, }
Nanticoke Interpreter }

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