

the 4<sup>th</sup> of His late Majesty King George the First, for preserving all such Ships and Goods thereof, which shall happen to be forced on shore or stranded."

You will observe from this Report, that it is the Opinion of His Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, that the Act of the 12<sup>th</sup> of Queen Anne Statute 2, Cap. 18, is in force in His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in America; and that so much of the Act of the 4<sup>th</sup> of George the First Cap. 12, as declares the 12<sup>th</sup> of Queen Anne to be perpetual, extends to America; It is therefore His Majesty's Pleasure that you do govern yourself accordingly.

I am, with great Truth and Regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Hillsborough.

Dep. Governor of Maryland.

[Sir Wm. Johnson to Sharpe.]

Original.

Johnson Hall March 25<sup>th</sup> 1768

Sir

The Bearer Cap<sup>t</sup> Ogden has made me a Visit on the Subject of your letter of August last concerning the disposal of the Lands of the Nanticokes lying in your Province, since the receipt of which letter I find that these Indians have an Inclination to dispose of their Rights there, and as they are for the most part removed, and that it will be for the Advantage of the Colony, I cannot but greatly approve of it, as I do of Cap<sup>t</sup> Ogden as their Attorney to transact that business, so that you will please to lay the same before your Assembly agreeable to the proposal contained in your Letter. I need not to recommend the making them a handsome compensation for the Sale, as doubtless it will, be duely attended to.—But in answer to your Queries must add, That such Sale may be made by Cap<sup>t</sup> Ogden at Annapolis in the presence of such Persons as you shall direct, at which time the purchase money may be paid to him in trust for the Indians, whom I shall direct to Assemble (on his return) at Otseningo, or some Convenient place, where He shall in the presence of the whole Tribe, & an officer of my Department distribute the money Justly amongst them, taking two Setts of proper Receipts, the one to be sent to you & the other to be lodged in my Secretary's Office, After which, they can never think of laying any future Claim to the Tract.

I have now furnished Cap<sup>t</sup> Ogden with a short power in my name for negotiating this matter, and I shall take such further