

At a Grand Assembly begun at James City the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1676.

W<sup>m</sup> William Berkeley Gov<sup>r</sup> &c.

Capt John West -  
Rich. Knappe Sr:  
Capt W<sup>m</sup> Brasier  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Peters  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Willoughby

Capt William Bernard  
Capt Hon. Brown  
M<sup>r</sup> Rich. Bennett } Esq<sup>s</sup>  
Geo. Loder - -

The Designation of y<sup>e</sup> severall Comities.

Ch<sup>r</sup> Ambr<sup>s</sup> Hammer Speaker

M<sup>r</sup> Walter Chiles -

James City  
Capt Robert Shephard  
M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Jordayne  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Lovings  
M<sup>r</sup> Wm Barott - -

Henrico } Capt Abia Wood  
M<sup>r</sup> Wm Coker -

Charles Com } M<sup>r</sup> Ric. Hoar  
M<sup>r</sup> Dan. Lutton

Isle Wights } M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Haddovne  
M<sup>r</sup> Ja. Bagnall -

Rie City } M<sup>r</sup> John Robbint  
M<sup>r</sup> Thom. Bell -

M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Swin } York  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Liddington

M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Taylor } Warwick  
M<sup>r</sup> Randal Brown  
M<sup>r</sup> John Walker

M<sup>r</sup> Edw. Lay } Lower Norfolk  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Wierds  
M<sup>r</sup> Rob. Eyard . .

M<sup>r</sup> Edw. Douglas } Northampton  
M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Johnson -

M<sup>r</sup> Edw. Major } Stafford  
M<sup>r</sup> Sam. Straighton

Act 1.  
Be it enacted by this grand Assembly, That the titles of peare sole betwee on the inhabitants of this Colony, And Norotowant King of the Indian be duly & Inviolably observed upon the penalties within mentioned as fo<sup>l</sup>.  
That Norotowant do acknowledge to hold his Kingdom from y<sup>e</sup> Kings Ma<sup>ty</sup> of England, & that his Successors be appointed or confirmed by y<sup>e</sup> Kings Govern<sup>r</sup> from time to time, And on the other side this Assembly on y<sup>e</sup> behalfe of the Colony, doth undertake to protect him or them ag<sup>t</sup> any Rebels or other Enemies whatsoever, And as an acknowledgement & tribute for such protection, he said Norotowant & his Successors are to pay unto the Kings Govern<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Number of twenty beaver skins at the going away of y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup>rs yearly.

For formerly "Upper Norfolk" and changed to "Stafford" by the last act of the preceding year.  
The articles of this treaty are numbered in the margin, in the MS.

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That it shall be free for the said Necotowand & his people, to Inhabit & hunt  
on y<sup>e</sup> Northside of Yorke River without any interruption from y<sup>e</sup> English -  
provided that if hereafter, It shall be thought fitt by the Governor & Council  
to admit any English to Inhabit from Poropotank downwards that -  
first Necotowand be acquainted therewith.

That Necotowand & his people, leave free that tract of land betwene y<sup>e</sup>  
Yorke River & James River from y<sup>e</sup> falls of both y<sup>e</sup> Rivers to Roquotan to y<sup>e</sup>  
English to inhabit on, & y<sup>e</sup> neither he the said Necotowand nor any Indians  
do repair to or make any abode upon the said tract of land upon paine of  
death & it shall be lawfull for any person to kill any such Indian. And in case  
any such Indian or Indians being seen upon y<sup>e</sup> said tract of land shall make  
an escape, That the said Necotowand shall upon demand deliver y<sup>e</sup> Indian  
or Indians to the Englishmen, upon knowledge had of him or them, unless such  
Indian or Indians be sent upon a Message from y<sup>e</sup> said Necotowand.

And to y<sup>e</sup> intent to avoid all injury to such a Messenger & that no ignorant may  
be admitted to such as shall offer any Outrage; It is thought fitt & hereby enacted  
That the badge worn by a messenger, or in case there shall be more than one -  
by one of the company, be a Coat of striped Stoffe which is to be left by the  
Messenger from time to time so often as he shall returne at the places -  
appointed for their coming in.

And it is further enacted That in case any English shall repair contrary to  
the Articles agreed upon to y<sup>e</sup> said Northside of Yorke River, such y<sup>e</sup> same see  
offending being lawfully committed be adjudged as Felons; provided that  
this article shall not extend to such persons who by stroke of weather are  
forced upon the said Land, provided also & it is agreed by y<sup>e</sup> said Necotow-  
and, that it may be lawfull for any Englishman to goe over to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>t</sup> North-  
side of having occasion to fall timber trees or cut sodge, soe as y<sup>e</sup> said y<sup>e</sup> same  
have ware for they<sup>e</sup> soe doing under the hand of y<sup>e</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> provided also Notwith-  
standinge any thing in this Act to y<sup>e</sup> contrary That it shall be free & lawfull for  
any English whatsoever betwene this present day & the first of March next to kill &  
bring away what Cattle or hogs y<sup>e</sup> they can by any means kill or take upon  
the said Northside of the said River.

And it is further enacted that neither for the said Necotowand nor any of his  
people, do frequent, come in to hunt or make any abode nearer to y<sup>e</sup> English  
plantations then the Limits of Yavin y<sup>e</sup> black water & from y<sup>e</sup> head of the black  
water upon a strait line to y<sup>e</sup> old Manakin Conne upon such paines & penalties  
as aforesaid.

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6 And it is further ordered Enacted that if any English do entertain any Indian or Indians or doe receive any Indian or Indians that shall come within y<sup>e</sup> saids Limits, such y<sup>e</sup>son being lawfully committed therof shall suffer death as in case of Felony, without benefit of Clergy excepted, such as shall be authorized thereto by vertue of this Act.

7 And it is further Enacted that the said Xerotonant & his people shall upon all occasions of message to the Gov<sup>r</sup> for trade, doe repair unto y<sup>e</sup> fort Royall onely on y<sup>e</sup> Northside, at which place they are to receive y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Badge which shall shew them to be Messengers & therefore to be freed from all injury in their passage to the Governour upon paynt of death to any y<sup>e</sup>son or y<sup>e</sup>son in y<sup>e</sup> Governour that shall kill them, this badge being worn by one of y<sup>e</sup> Company, And in case of any other affront, the offence to be punished according to the quality thereof, & the trade admitted as aforesaid to y<sup>e</sup> said Xerotonant & his people with the Command of the said fort onely on y<sup>e</sup> Northside.

8 And it is further thought fitt & enacted that upon any occasion of Message to the Governour or trade, the said Xerotonant & his people y<sup>e</sup> Indians doe repair to forts Idony all Appomattucke forts, or to the house of Capt. John Floyd, & to no other place or places of y<sup>e</sup> Southside of the River, all which places the aforesaid Badges of stripes stiffe are to be & remaine.

9 And it is further thought fitt & enacted that Xerotonant doe with all convenient bring in y<sup>e</sup> English prisoners, And all such Negroes & Indians which are y<sup>e</sup> remaining either in possession of himselfe or any Indians and that he redeliver upon demand such Indian servants as have been taken prisoners & shall hereafter run away. In case such Indian or Indians shall be found within the Limits of his Dominion provided that such Indian or Indians be under the age of twelve years at their running away.

10 And it is further enacted & consented That such Indian children as shall or will freely & voluntarily come in & live with the English, may remain without breach of the act Articles of peace, provided they be not above twelve years old.

11 And it is further thought fitt & enacted That the severall Commanders of y<sup>e</sup> forts & places as aforesaid unto which y<sup>e</sup> said Indians as aforesaid are admitted to repair In case of trade or Message doe forthwith provide y<sup>e</sup> said Coats In manner stripes as aforesaid.