

Mr.—John Wrights Engaging not to Molest Mr.—Cochran for y^e said seizure that Cap^t. Cochran shoold deliver the said goods

Mr.—Joseph Wright desired till the next meeting of y^e Comiss^{rs}.—w^{ch}. was granted

Adjurn'd till thursday next

Att a Board of Comiss^{rs}.—mett y^e 14 July 1713

Present y^e Hon^{ble}—Charles Hart Esq^r.—Pres^{dt}.

Ralph Izard Esq^r.—

Sam^l.—Eveleigh Esq^r.—

Henry Wigington Esq^r.—

Mr.—John Guerard

Read y^e Agents Journall from y^e 13 Aprill to the 29 May and also a Letter from the said Agent dated att y^e Coweta Town y^e 28 May and also Coppys of six Letters writt from y^e said Agent to the Governour and Counsell N^o.—6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.

Mr.—Pight Complayned that Captain Musgrove had taken a **slave** boy from him w^{ch}. he had bought from Oboyclackoe

Order'd that Captain Musgrove have notice to be att this board on Thursday next att 10 of the Clock in the forenoone

Adjurn'd till to Morrow Ten a Clock

Att a Board of Comissioners mett y^e 15 July 1713

Present y^e Hon^{ble}—Charles Hart Esq^r.—Pres^{dt}.

Ralph Izard Esq^r.—

Sam^l.—Eveleigh Esq^r.—

Henry Wigington Esq^r.—

Mr.—John Guerard

Adjurn'd till to Morrow Seven a Clock

Att a Board of Comiss^{rs}.—mett y^e 16 July 1713 —

Present y^e Hon^{ble}—Charles Hart Esq^r.—Pres^{dt}.

Ralph Izard Esq^r.—

Sam^l.—Eveleigh Esq^r.—

Henry Wigington Esq^r.—

Col^l—W^m. Rhett

Mr.—John Guerard

Cap^t. John Musgrove

Mr.—John Wright attended and desired the Board to Order him his Reward out of y^e mony Recovered from Mr.—W^m.—Bray for his selling two **free** Indians y^e said Wright being Informer

Order'd that the Publick Receiver doe pay to Mr.-John Wright Sixty Pound as a Reward for his Information

Cap^t. Musgrove having Informed the Board in Answer to Mr.-Pights Complaint that the Boy was taken by Mr.-Steeds by due Corce of Law

Order'd that itt be defer'd till Mr.-Steeds come down

Order'd that a Bond of severall Traders delivered by Mr.-Wright to y^e Board obliging themselves not to trade wth. the Yamassee Indians for any goods except Armes & ammunition be Canselled and y^e said bond was Cancelled

Captain Musgrove acquainted y^e Board that Mr.-Alex^a. Clarke Said that Mr.-John Wright had declared Ahela a Creek Indian free and after sold her and that One Joseph Acosta knew the same

Order'd that Alex^a. Clarck & Joseph Acosta be Summon'd down against the next board

Adjurn'd till to Morrow fower of y^e

Clock in the Afternoon

Att a Board of Comiss^{rs}.-mett y^e 17 July 1713

Pres^t. y^e Hon^{ble}.-Charles Hart Esq^r.-Pres^{dt}.

Sam^l.-Eveleigh Esq^r.-

Henry Wigington Esq^r.-

Mr.-John Guerard

Cap^t. John Musgrove

Writt y^e following Letter to y^e Agent

S^r.-

We have Rec'd boath your Lett^{rs}. and Journall what you there insert hath been read by the Board & approved, the perticulers Refer'd to us shall be taken care of

We are fully satisfied with your capacity & diligence and doubt not but an acco^t. will be given both to the advantage of this Collony and likewise to the Indians whom you neither want Art nor Adress to manage. you know they are the Bulwark of this Settlement and persuant to your Instructions Suffer not the Traders to cheat and use them wth. Insolence Inconsistent wth. the Amity we profess & unbecoming the Dignity of y^e Government

You must be very cautious how you deale with the Indian Traders about paying their Arreares of Licence mony you may threaten them with Warrants, & probably that Way persuade

To y^e Hon^{ble} y^e Speaker
and the rest of y^e Hon^{ble}.—
y^e Members of y^e House
of Commons

Charles Hart Pres^{dt}.
Sam^l.—Eveleigh
Geo: Logan
Ra: Izard
Hen Wigington
John Musgrove

The House of Commons return'd the said Message by their
Messinger and said they took no notice of itt and that if the
Board had any thing to offer they must bring itt themselves

Then the Comiss^{rs}. went and deliver'd in y^e following Answer
to Mr.—Pights Letter

To the Hon^{ble}.—the Speaker & the rest of the Hon^{ble}.—Members
of the House of Commons

The Answer of the Hon^{ble}. the Pres^{dt}. and the rest of the
Comiss^{rs}. of the Indian Trade to the false & scandalous letter
of John Pight Indian Trader to y^e said House
Mr.—Speaker & Gent.

We can doe no less than acknowledg the Justice of the House
of Comons in Ordering a Coppy of that falce & scandalous
letter of Mr.—John Pight, highly reflecting upon y^e Pres^{dt}. and
Comiss^{rs}. of y^e Indian Trade to be laid before our Board and
thereby giving us the opertunity of vindicating or selves from
such odious Callumnies & Aspertions

The complaints of Mr.—Pight in his said Letter as they are
groundless soe they will receive from us a very true, plain
and direct Answer

Our Journall w^{ch}. we have Just perused suffitiently prooves
the Justice of our proceadings in the Case of the said Pight &
Cap^t. Musgrove against whom he Complained and evidently
shewes how little reason Mr.—Pight hath to up braid and Charge
our Board with Injustice and partiality

Mr—Pight has been soe hardy, not to give itt a Term itt much
more deserves to Assure y^e Hon^{ble}.—House of Comons that as
well a former Agent as the Present Agent Cap^t. Nairne, had
sent an Ord^r. to the Comiss^{rs}. of the Indian Trade for the
delivery of an Indian Boy wrongfully detain'd from him as
he pretends by y^e s^d. Cap^t. Musgrove We can possitively assure
your Hon^{rs}.—no Such order ever came to us, & upon Examina-
tion of Cap^t. Nairne he utterly denies that he either made or
gave such an Order

This main Charge & Allegation of Mr.-Pights against y^e Comiss^{rs}. appearing thus Audatiously false in fact, and this being the whole of his Charge, for wth. submission we thinck itt neither agreeable to Law or reason nor is itt possible to Answer Generals the Comiss^{rs}. are Humbly of opinion if they have Err'd in this Affaire betwixt the s^d. Pight & Cap^t. Musgrove, that Error has been very favorable on the part of the former for upon the Complaint w^{ch}. Mr.-Pight made to us against Cap^t. Musgrove about the Boy afores^d. to this Board we Immediately proceeded in the presence of Mr.-Pight to Question Cap^t. Musgrove what pretence he had to the said Boy who Justified his right to him having bought him of Mr.-W^m.-Steed

This put the Board upon sending an Order for the Said Steed, w^{ch}. we beg leave to take notice to y^r.-Hon^{rs}.-was such a stretch of Power in Mr.-Pights favour, that would have silenst any Person of more modesty from Complaining of the Injustice of y^e Comiss^{rs}.

For nothing is more obvious than that y^e Comiss^{rs}. have no power by the Indian Trading Act to Order the Indian Boy afore s^d. to either the Contending parties aforesaid, and then nothing can be more ridiculous than that the Agent should direct an Order to the Comiss^{rs}. to determin a matter they had not the least cognizance off or Authority to decide not to mention the Absurdity of the matter as if y^e Agent should have a Comanding or directing power over the Comissioners

We presume now to Inform your Hon^{rs}.-how y^e whole of the matter Stands between Mr.-Pight & Cap^t. Musgrove about the Indian Boy as itt has been made appear to us this boy in dispute formerly occation'd a suit att Law between Mr.-Steed before mentioned and Mr.-Pight and after some contest y^e difference and right to the said Boy was submitted to Maj^r.-Evans and Mr.-Wigington who decreed or awarded him to Mr.-Steed and some time after Mr.-Steed Sold the Boy to Cap^t. Musgrove as by a Bill of of sale for that purpose appears

We therefore submitt to your Hon^{rs}. Judgm^t. what credit can be given to a person who has the Confidence to affirm such falsities even before so great and wise an Assembly and out of the firm Assurance we have in your Hon^{rs}. Justice we have no roome to doubt our publick vindication from you, whom we depend upon for doing us that Justice against the s^d. Mr.-Pight as may Incourage us to Stand by the Indian Trading