

By Virtue of an Act of Assembly for regulating y^e Indian Trade
and making itt safe to the Publick¹

A Board of Commissioners Mett for Transacting y^e Buissines
of the said Act Held att Charles Town y^e 20th. Sep^r. 1710

Present Ralph Izard Esq^r-. President

Co^{ll}-. James Risbey

Rich^d-. Berresford Esq^r-.
Mr-. John Raven

Mr-. James Ingerson

Co^{ll}-. W^m-. Rhett was Chosen & Sworn a Comiss^r. as y^e Act
Directs

Adjourn'd till 2 a Clock in y^e after noone

Mett according to Adjurnment

Present Ralph Izard Esq^r-. President

Co^{ll}-. James Risbee

Co^{ll}-. W^m-. Rhett

Rich^d-. Berrisford Esq^r-.
Mr-. John Raven

The Comissioners Chose m^r-. James Ingerson Secretery for
Transacting y^e buissiness of y^e Indian Trade in y^e room of m^r.
W^m-. Smith Deceased

M^r-. John Guerard was Chosen & sworn a Comissioner Order'd
that M^r-. John Wright Agent doe send for y^e Appalachia from
his house to attend this board Tomorrow Noone

Adjurn'd till Tomorrow morning Nine a Clock

The Board mett Thursday y^e 21st. Sep^r-. According to Adjurnm^t

Present. Ralph Izard Esq^r-. Presd^t.

Co^{ll}-. James Risbee

M^r-. John Raven

M^r-. John Guerard

Co^{ll}-. W^m-. Rhett

Co^{ll}-. Hugh Grainge was Chosen & Sworn a Comissioner

The Apalachia Indians appear'd & Complains by Cockett y^e
Interpreter who was Sworn

The Board Order'd y^t. Ventusa an Appalachia Indian & his
Wife are to Continew as **free** people till Phillip Gilliard by a
hearing before the Board can prove the Contrary

¹Ratified July 19, 1707. (See *The Laws of the Province of South-Carolina*, by Nicholas Trott, LL. D., Charles Town, 1736, page 150.)

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Massoony another Indian of y^e Appalachias to be free till Cap^t. Musgrave can make itt other wayes appeare

Diego an Appalachia Indian to Continew free till Rich^d. Edg-hill prove otherwise

Wansella an Ellcombe Indian is Order'd to be a free man till M^r-. John Pight can prove him a Slave by any Order from y^e Goverment

Coloose a free Indian Woman given M^r-. Pight by their own people the Comiss^{rs}-. thinck itt unreasonable for her to be a Slave & doe Order her to be free

The Apalachia Indians desire y^t. their people may be restrained from leaving their own Town & goeing to reside att y^e Assapalago Town

They Complain against Cap^t. Musgrove y^t. he went this Spring to their Town & Demanded Indians to goe & hoe his Corn and if they did not answer his demands he would beat them

Joss Crosley a Trayder being Jealous of a whore of his beat & abused an Apalachia Indian man in a barbarous manner & also bete Jn^o. Cocket till he Spitt blood, for onely desiring him to forbear beating y^e Indian

Order'd y^t. Jn^o. Wright Esq^r-. Agent doe forthwith Issue out his Warrant to take y^e said Crosley & have him brought before y^e Comis^{rs}-. to answer to such notorious abuses as he has Comitted amongst y^e Indians

Phillip Gilliard a Trader took a young Indian against her will for his Wife, and Cruelly whipped her & her Brother for accepting a few Beades from her, to y^e great greife of y^e Indians there present

One Carpenter Justifies y^t. y^e said Gilliard made a Woeman Drunk wth. rum & locked her up from her mother offering to kill the mother becaus she would not leve her Daughter behind her

The Board Adjurn'd till to Morrow morning 8 a Clock

Friday y^e 22^d. Sept. 1710 Mett According to Adjurnm^t.

Present. Ralph Izard Esq^r-. Presid^t.

Col^l-. James Risbee

Col^l-. W^m. Rhett

Col^l-. Hugh Grange

M^r-. John Guerard

The Board Ajurned Sine Die

A Board of Comiss^{rs}.—mett y^e 14th. Octob^r—.

Present Ralph Izard Esq^r—. Presid^t.

Coll James Risbee

Coll—. W^m. Rhett

Rich^d—. Berrisford Esq^r—.

M^r—. John Guerard

Capt. Peter Slan was Sworn a Comiss^r—, according to y^e Act

Order'd that Rich^d— Berrisford Esq^r—. Publick Rec^r—, doe forthwith give M^r—. Henry Wigginton & m^r—. Geo: Evans Each of them five pounds for a retayning fee to put Sundry Indian Traders Bonds in Sute for not taking out Licences

Deliver'd M^r—. Evans a bond dated y^e 5th. 7ber 1709 in w^{ch}. is bound Jointly and severaly Viz

Capt. John Jones, Math: Smallwood, John Jones, Anthony Probat, James Lucas, Abra: Peirce, Joseph Crosley, Roger Hoskins Alex: Clarck W^m—. Smith Theophilus Hastings & W^m—. Scarlett Deliver'd M^r—. Evans an other Bond dated 4 March 1709/10

Jn^o. Smith bound

The Board Adjurn'd Sine Die.

A Board of Comiss^{rs}—. mett y^e 28 October 1710

Present Ralph Izard Esq^r—. President

Coll— James Risbee

Coll—. W^m. Rhett

Rich^d Berresford Esq^r—.

M^r—. John Guerrard

Cap^t Peter Slan

Captⁿ. Musgrove Complains y^t. y^e Creek Indians owe him for part of 200^{lb} powder & 500^{lb} Bulletts Ever Since they went to war against y^e Chactaw Indians

Upon Enquirey and a full hearing of y^e Kings being present at this Board, They find y^t. Cap^t. Musgrove forced y^e said Powder & Bulletts upon y^e Indians, For w^{ch}. y^e Indians made him reasonable Sattisfaction for Said powder & Bulletts as has been suffitiently made appear before this Board

Order'd that y^e Indians & y^e Interpreter be acquainted there with w^{ch}. was accordingly done & they dismiss'd very well sattisfied

Order'd That upon John Dixon, Charles Peirce or James Alford or any of them making Oath that they heard y^e Tomolla

King Declare Masoony a Slave, that then y^e said Indian be
 Cap^t. Musgraves Slave Otherwise he is to have his freedom
 And then y^e Board Adjurn'd Sine Die

Jan^r. y^e 1710/1

The Assembly thought fitting to Appoint Coll^l-. Geo: Logan
 A Commiss^r-. in y^e roome of Ralph Izard Esq^r-. deceased

Att a Board of Commiss^{rs}-. of y^e Indian Trade mett att y^e hous
 of M^r-. James Ingerson y^e 9th. day of March 1710/11

Present Coll- James Risbee
 M^r-. John Guerard
 Rich^d-.: Berrisford Esq^r-.
 Coll- Hugh Grange
 Cap^t. John Ab^r-. Motté &

Cap^t. Benj^a. Quelch chosen by y^e Comons house
 of Assembly in y^e roome of Coll- Rhett who Quallified himself
 by taking y^e. apointed Oath then Adjurn'd to M^r-. Coopers
 The said Commiss^{rs}. finding themselves without a presid^t.
 Occation'd by y^e Death of Ralph Izard Esq^r-.
 And upon motion made of a president itt is agree'd that Rich^d-
 Berrisford Esq^r-. be & is hereby declared y^e president of y^e
 Indian Trade

Whereas Cap^t. Peterson being dispatched by y^e hous of Comons
 wth. y^e Governors Concent to bring into Charles Town severall
 Yamasee Traders and itt appearing y^t. Eight of y^e Traders
 w^{ch}. Said Peterson brought to Charles Town hath broke y^e Laws
 by Trading without Licences Itt is therefore y^e opinion of this
 Board y^t. y^e Receiver give Orders to y^e Atturneyes to prossecute
 y^e Said Traders in order to recover y^e arrears due to y^e Publick
 from them

This Board taking into Concideration y^e Agents Continueing in
 y^e Settlement & y^e great necessity of his going on his agency
 Have agreed y^t. M^r-. Wright y^e Present Agent gett himself ready
 to depart y^e Settlement & that he have instruction to goe among
 y^e Yamosee Indians & Sett out on Monday y^e Ninetenth Instant
 to adjust y^e differences & regulate affairs wth. the said Indians
 & Traders

The Agent making itt appear to this Board y^t. Several Traders
 have refused to Execute severall warr^{ts}-. by him given to be
 Served perticularly viz W^m-. Canty son of Cap^t. Canty Joseph

Mr-. Hilden attended and was order'd to attend to Morrow and not to depart till he have leave from y^e Board Cap^t. Musgrove Complain'd that an Indian had bin kept from him att y^e Savana Town & that he had Evidence to prove him a **Slave**.

Mr-. Cockett being Examined Said that the late Tumela King said that this Indian was a **Slave**

Mr-. Wright being asked what he knew of the Said Indian said y^t. he brought y^e Said Indian before the Commiss^{rs}.- & no body appearing against him y^e Commiss^{rs}.- had order'd him back to y^e Savana Town Mr-. Musgrove offer'd if he could not have the **slave** he was willing to take Twelve pound w^{ch}. y^e **Slave** Cost Order'd to refer the Same to y^e Assembly

Mr-. Cockett prayed that he might have his Bond given him up, and that he might have an Order for Mr. Charleton to restore y^e **Slaves** & Skins he had Seized from him for his Trading wth. out a Licence

The Commiss^{rs}.- acquainted him that Mr-. Charleton had Orders to restore him his **Slaves** & Skins & Order'd the Secretary to give him a Coppy of y^e Said Order Ordered that Mr-.Cockett for the servis he has done the Publick be discharged from y^e arreares of his Trading without a Licence and that he have his Bond given him up Adjurn'd till to Morrow/

Att a Board of Commiss^{rs}.- mett y^e 16 May 1712

Present Rich^d-. Berresford Esq^r.-Pres^{dt}.

Cap^t. Peter Slann

Cap^t. Benj^a. Quelch

Co^{ll}-. Hugh Grange

Co^{ll}-. Geo: Logan

Mr-. John Guerrard

Mr-. Hilden Attended The Board and was in formed by the President that the Board taking into consideration that there was a Judgment already against him

Ordered that the said Hilden answer the Same before he goe out of Town

Mr-. Edmond Ellis attended the Board and Prayed they would Consider his Condition that he had been kept a long time in Town to his great loss & damage and was told his Case is lade before the Assembly

Mr-. Cockett Complain'd that att y^e Pocotalligo Town W^m-. Bray Dan^{ll}-. Callahaun & John Frazer forst the **Slaves** from the