

We can by no Means depart from or dispence with our last Orders to you, in Relation to the apointing a Time for the Savanas and Catabas to meet, that you may be sure to give the Assembly an Account att their next Meeting; therefore you must not think of doing otherwise than you are directed by those Orders, although you may be obliged to excede the Time we have limited for that Purpose. We are well satisfied that the Bond of yours which was some Time missing was in the Hands of the late Secretary, Mr. Smith, and shall be will to doe you any reasonable Servis to take of any Reflections you may seem to lay under upon that Account.

Itt is very well that Evan Lewis hath surrendered himself and satisfied his Indian Creditors, and question not but you will give due Encouragement to any Persons who shall see their Errors and repent of their Follies as Lewis has done.

Signed by Order of the Commissioners,  
R. Beresford, President

Drawn an Order on the Publick Receiver for six Pound payable to Mr. John Hale for two Dayes Setting of the Commissioners.  
Adjurned.

*March 14, 1711/12*

|25| Att a Board of Comissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Beresford, Esq., *President*, Henry Wigginton, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, Mr. John Guerrard, Capt. Benja. Quelch, and Col. Hugh Grainge.

John Wright, Esq., the Agent, attended and gave in his Journall of his Proceedings to the Yamassee Indians &c. And also gave in severall Traders' Bonds disclaming Rum and Relations' Debts, viz., from

Saml. Warner	Richd. Hatcher
John Hilliard	Geo. Wright
Allexa. Mackey	Wm. Ford
Danl. Callahane	Wm. Bray
Thomas Simonds	John Cochran
James Paterson	Edwd. Nicols
Cornelius Macarty	Evan Lewis
Saml. Hilden	John Hogg
Shippy Allen	Allexa. Nicolas
Barnabas Gillard	

And John Cockett's Bond to take out a Licence.

The Board enquired of the Agent the Reason of his not returning from Mr. Clea's to Charles Town according to the Commissioners' Instructions and the Agent gave his Reasons that he had left severall Differences undecided.

The Agent was asked if he intended to continew Agent and answered that he could not goe any more on his Agency till he had received his Sallary from the Government.

The Agent gave in Mr. Clea's Account for Provisions, &c. delivered to the Indians. And also the Agent's Charge of an Interpreter and Messingers. Adjurned till Tomorrow 7 a'Clock.

*March 15, 1711/12*

[26] Att a Board of Comissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Col. Hugh Grainge, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Jno. Guerrard, Mr. Ralph IZard, Capt. Peter Slann, and Henry Wigginton, Esq.

John Wright, Esq., the Agent, attended and gave in his former Journall to the Board; also a Memoriall formerly lade before this Board by the Agent was read and ordered to be layd before the Assembly att their next Setting.

Then the Agent acquainted the Board that he seased from being Agent and gave his Reasons in Writing to the Board till the farther Pleasure of the Assembly be known.

Read a Petition from John Cochran, Wm. Ford, John Frazer, Wm. Bray, Danl. Callahane, Geo. Wright, Cornelius Mackarty and Saml. Warner against Mr. Hilden which Petitioners ware ordered to attend the 15th April next.

Adjurned till the 21st Instant.

*March 21, 1711/12*

Att a Board of Comissioners mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Capt. Peter Slann, Mr. John Guerrard, Col. Hugh Grainge, and Mr. Ralph IZard.

Mr. John Wright, the late Agent, attended the Board and gave Information that all the Traders had traded without Licences and desierd they might be prosecuted on their severall Bonds.

[27] Mr. Wright also informed that Mr. Wm. Bray had sent a Slave to War contrary to the Commissioners' and Agent's Instructions. Mr. Wright also desiered the Commissioners that the Evidences against Mr. John Cochran for his selling a free Indian be sent for, viz.; Wm. Bray and his Wife, Capt. Wm. Maggot, John Frazer and Tho. Simonds.

This Board taking into Conideration the Information given by Mr. Wright, ordered that the Publick Receiver doe order the severall Persons to be forthwith prosecuted by the Attornyes as the Law directs.

Thomas Simonds attended the Commissioners and prayed the Favour of the Board that his Bond might be given him up; he having sold his Debts and left of Trading.

Ordered that the said Simmons, upon his paying to the Publick Receiver the Arreres due to the Publick, have his Bond delivered him. The said Simmons also prayed he might have Sattisfaction for a Slave which Capt. Peterson extorted from him.

Ordered that the said Complaint be represented to the Assembly att their next Sitting.

Adjurned.

*April 3, 1712*

[28] Att a Board of Commissioners mett by Order of the Commons House of Assemlby.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Henry Wigginton, Esq., Capt. Benja. Quelch, Col. Hugh Grainge, Mr. John Guerrard, Capt. Peter Slann, Mr. John Raven, and Mr. Ralph Izard.

Who, taking into Conideration severall Defitiencies in the Act for regulat- ing the Indian Trade and upon concidering the most proper Meanes to remidy the same and to continew our neighbour Indians in Alliance with us in Friend- ship with this Goverment,

Read the Draft of a new Bill to be recommended to the Assembly.

Drawn an Order on the Publick Receiver for fower Pound to Mr. Ma- thewes for the Setting of the Commissioners.

Adjurned.

*April 10, 1712*

[29] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berresford, Esq., *President*, Henry Wigginton, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, Mr. John Guerrard, Col. Hugh Grainge, Capt. Benja. Quelch, and Capt. Peter Slann.

Read a Letter from Mr. Jno. Charleton dated the 3d of Aprill Instant giving an Account of his having seized some Slaves and Skins belonging to Mr. Jno. Cockett for his trading without a Licence, and also that he had bin arrested in an Action of one hunderd Pounds att the Sute of Jno. Cockett, and that a Warrant was come up against him from Mr. Hart upon the same Account.

Major Evans attended the Commissioners and delivered a Letter from the said Mr. Charlton which he said he had from Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright attended the Commissioners and informed them he had but just received the said Letter.

Ordered that the President doe desier Mr. Hart that his Warrant against Mr. Charlton may be no further prosscuted.

Aslo ordered that the Prosscution of the before mentioned Writts against the said Charleton be stopt.

Richd. Slade informed the Commissioners that one Glinhead told him that Mr. Charleton's Letters which he sent to the Commissioners to inform them of his seazing Cockett's Slaves ware stopt; and that the said Glinhead was sent by Mr. Wright with Writts against Charleton which he said he would not have served if he had not [30] owed Mr. Wright Mony. And the said Richd. Slade further informed the Board that when he went up last the Periago was loaded with Goods by Mr. Wright's Order and delivered to Cockett.

Writt a Letter from the Board to Mr. John Charleton.

Mr. Charleton, Sir,

Yours dated the 3d Aprill, 1712 we have now before us and being surprised that the Letter you sent us inclosed to Major Evans did not come to our Hands, we have made strict Inquirey into the Reasons. We sent to Maj. Evans who, appearing before us, informed us that this Day since the President received your Letter and made itt known to Mr. Hart, who asking Maj. Evans why he and Mr. Wright did not give him a full Account of the Matter when they desired his Warrant. He told us in a few Howers after came to his Hands a Pacett from you in which came a Letter to the Commissioners which he delivered us sealed, dated March 8th. By which as also by the Letter we this Day received, we find you have acted according to our Instructions and are glad to find a Man soe active and hope you will not give Reason to the Sufferer's Friends to say he is the onely Person you put our Powers in force against. As to the Goods and Slaves or as much of them as are now in your Possession, we are of Opinion you shoold restore them to Cockett becaus that he has since taken out a Licence, but however, think you ought to retain resonable Satisfaction for your Trouble and desier you would not be hard in that Matter; but, when you deliver the Slaves, if in your Possesion, and Goods to Cockett, itt would be fitting you take his Receipt, though the Penalty he is liable to, is one hunderd Pound for trading without a Licence which remains under our farther Consideration. Mr. President has the Instructions from the Commissioners to apply to Mr. Hart to stop any further Proceedings on his Warrant against you, and we will take care that you shall not be prosecuted any further upon the Writts. You must be sure when you make any other Seizures of Goods upon the Account of |31| Persons tradeing without Licences you will strictly follow the Instructions you have and act with Caution and Discretion without Favour and without Malice, with the Assurance of our Protection in all Things that you shall act according to our Instructions is all we have to recommend to you, and wishing you well, we remain

Your Freinds,

R. Berrisford, President

H. Wigginton

H. Grange

Geo. Logan

Jno. Guerrard

Peter Slann

[P. S.] We had like to have forgott to tell you that you nede not come to Town about any of the foregoing Matters.

Adjurned.

*April 17, 1712*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berresford, Esq., *President*, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Col. Hugh Grange, Mr. Ralph Iazard, Mr. John Guerrard, and Henry Wigginton, Esq.

Mr. John Cochran attended the Board according to the Order of the 15th March past to make Good his Petition against Mr. Hilden and declared that

the said Mr. Hilden had bought severall Slaves from the Indians out of their Towns, and perticularly three since the Commissioners had ordered him to attend them.

Mr. Wm. Bray also declared that Mr. Hilden had intercepted and bought Slaves from the Indians before they were brought into their Townes, and that John Hog had told him that Mr. Hilden had bought three other Slaves since the Commissioners had ordered him to attend them and he had Notice thereof to answer the said Complaint.

Mr. Frazer also declared that the said Mr. Hilden stopt and bought Slaves before the Indians brought them into their Towns.

[32] Wenoya, an Indian, complained that Mr. Hilden had taken a Slave from him and forst him to sell the said Slave for Goods to the Vallew of 160 Skins.

Adjurned till Tomorrow 7 a'Clock.

*April 18, 1712*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berresford, Esq., *President*, Col. Hugh Grange, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Ralph Izard, Mr. John Guerrard, and Henry Wigginton, Esq.

Upon debating the Matter of the Complaint of Mr. John Cochran, Mr. Wm. Bray and Mr. John Frazer against Mr. Hilden and itt being resolved that the said Hilden by his notorious Breach of his Instructions hath forfeited his Licence,

Ordered that the said Mr. Hilden be summoned to appear before this Board on the 13th May next and if the said Hilden doth not appear before this Board on the said 13th May, then the Commissioners will declare his Lycence voyd and order his Securyty to be sued on their Bonds.

Mr. John Wright delivered a Letter from Mr. Saml. Hilden dated the \_\_\_\_\_ Aprill, 1712 and also several Depozitions from Cockett &c.

The Board informed Mr. Wm. Bray that Mr. John Wright had informed the Board that the said Bray had sent a Slave to War contrary to the Instructions [33] of the Commissioners, and the said Bray answered that he had a Slave that had half his Fredom and being informed that no Slave must goe to War, Mr. Maggott, by his Desire, advised with Mr. Wright, then Agent, what he must doe with the said Slave, who told him he thought he might lett the said Slave goe to War to gett the remayning Part of his Fredome.

Mr. Bray also acquainted the Board that an Indian who owed him 200 Skins sayes his Slave is sett free by the Agent. Mr. Wright, being asked what he knew of the said Complaint, said he did not know of the said Slave's being sett free, and that he did not use to declare any Slave free where he had any Notice that the Owner was in Debt to any white Men.

Adjurned to the 13th May next.

May 14, 1712

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berresford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Col. Hugh Grange, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. John Guerrard, Mr. Ralph Izard, and Capt. Peter Slann.

Mr. Hilden attended the Board according to the Order of the 13th Aprill past, and being asked by Mr. President why he did not attend this Board on their first Order, said he never saw any Order from the Commissioners and that Mr. Cochran told him he thought he must come down. And being informed that Mr. Cochran and severall Traders had petitioned against him for buying Slaves out of the Indian Townes, [34] said that if he had done amiss, itt was through Ignorance, and that he had bought no Slaves from any Yamossee but only from some Pallachucla Indians.

Mr. Hogg being sworn and examined said that Mr. Hilden had bought 6 Slaves from Wonoya, a Pallachucla Indian, att Dawfuskey.

Mr. Wright attended the Board and informed that Mr. Maggott was in Town who was a material Evidence against Mr. Cochran. Mr. President told him itt was proper to acquaint the Attorney Generall therewith.

Mr. Wright layd severall Complaints against Mr. Frazer before the Board.

Mr. Wright read a Letter from Mr. Richd. Gower of the 8th May giving an Account that the Uche or Round Town People were going from their Settlement and itt was thought were going to the French.

Ordered that Mr. President doe order the Attorneys to prosscute the said Hilden on the Penalty of the Act, itt appearing by Evidence and his own Confession that he had traded without a Licence and bought Slaves from Indians out of their Townes.

Adjurned till Tomorrow 5 a'Clock.

May 15, 1712

[35] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berresford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Peter Slann, Henry Wigginton, Esq., Col. Hugh Grange, Capt. Benja. Quelch, and Mr. John Guerrard.

Mr. Hilden attended and was ordered to attend Tomorrow and not to depart till he have leve from the Board.

Capt. Musgrove complained [*sic*] that an Indian had bin kept from him att the Savana Town and 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 that he brought the said Indian before the Commissioners and Nobody appearing against him, the Commissioners had ordered him back to the Savana Town. Mr. Musgrove offered if he could not have the Slave he was willing to take twelve Pound which the Slave cost.

Ordered to refer the same to the 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 the Slaves and Skins he had seized from him for his trading without a Licence. The Commissioners acquainted him that Mr. Charleton had Orders to restore him his Slaves and Skins and ordered the Secretary to give him a Copy of the said Order.

Ordered that Mr. Cockett for the Servis he has done the Publick be discharged from the Arreares of his trading without a Licence and that he have his Bond given him up.

Adjurned till Tomorrow.

*May 16, 1712*

[36] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berresford, Esq., *President*, Capt. Peter Slann, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Col. Hugh Grange, Col. Geo. Logan, and Mr. Jno. Guerrard.

Mr. Hilden attended the Board and was informed 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 bene kept a long Time in Town to his great Loss and Damage, and was told his Case is lade before the Assembly.

Mr. Cockett complayned that att the Pocotalligo Town Wm. Bray, Danl. Callahaun and John Frazer forst the Slaves from the Indians the first Day they brought them into their Town and then obliged them to keep the said Slaves till the three Dayes ware expired.

Ordered that Mr. Pattison have his Bond delivered him.

Ordered that Mr. Cockett have a Copy of the Commissioners' Order to Mr. Charleton to deliver the said Cockett his Slaves and Goods.

Drawn an Order for Mr. Mathewes for fower Pound ten Shillings; for Mr. Barton for six Pound; Mr. Hale's Account is two Pound.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*June 10, 1712*

[37] Att a Board of Commissioners for regulating the Indian Trade mett persuant to an Act of Assembly for Regulating the Indian Trade, &c.; rattified in Charles Town the 7th June, 1712.<sup>8</sup>

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Craven, Esq., Governor, The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., Henry Wigginton, Esq., Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. John Guerrard, Mr. Ralph Iazard, and Capt. \_\_\_\_\_ Musgrove.

Who severally took the Oath of Commissioners appointed by the above mentioned Act.

The Commissioners chose the Honourable the Governor President.

<sup>8</sup>The title of this act is given in Cooper, *Statutes*, II, 381; but the text is not known to be extant.

Mr. Nairne attended the Board and took the Oath of Commissioner amongst the Yamasees &c., and entered into Bond with Mr. Saml. Eveleigh and Mr. Andrew Allen his Security in £200 each.

Tuskena, a Chenahaw Indian, having sent down two of his People with a Complaint that the Head Men of the Town had taken away his Wife and a Slave for the Payment of the white Men for a Debt due from the Town.

Ordered that the Secretary doe send a Summons to Mr. John Wright and Mr. James Lucas to attend the Commissioners on Thursday next.

Ordered that Mr. Berresford and Col. Grange be summoned to mete att this Board on Thursday next.

Thomas Barton, Secretary, took the Oath according to the Act.

Adjurned till Thursday 2 of the Clock.

*June 12, 1712*

[38] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, The Hon. Charl[e]s Hart, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. John Guerrard, Mr. Ralph Izard, and Col. Hugh Grange, who took the Oath of Commissioner according to the Direction of the Act for Regulating the Indian Trade, etc.

The Board chose Mr. Blomier their Messinger.

Mr. Wright attended the Board and, being asked what he knew of Tuskenehau's Complaint of two Slaves that were taken from him by the Town, said that being att the Cussetau Town and demanding a Debt for Mr. Pight, the Captain of the Town, said they owed him five Slaves, that they had three, and he would see for the other two and accordingly brought in these two Slaves.

Ordered that Tuskenehau have his Wife returned to him and that an Order be sent to Mrs. Pight accordingly.

Ordered that Mr. Wright have Instruction to take care that Mr. Pight be satisfied by the Town for Tuskenehau's Wife that is sent back, and that the Town satisfie Tuskenehau for the other Slave taken from him by the Town.

Ordered that Mr. Blomier doe carry the following Order to Mrs. Mary Pight:

Complaint being made to this Board by Clugoffee and Pingoleachee, two of the Slaves belonging to Tuskenehau, a Chehau Indian, on behalf of the said Tuskenehau, that the Head Men of the Cussetau Town had taken away the said Tuskenehau's Wife named Toolodeha, [39] a free Woman, and her Mother, a Slave belonging to the said Tuskenehau, when the said Tuskenehau was gon to Warr; and that the said Women were rongfully and unjustly taken away from the said Tuskenehau upon Pretence of paying some Town Debts due from Others of the said Town to Mr. John Pight when the said Tuskenehau was no wais indebted to the said John Pight or any other Person trading att the said Town. This Board, having enterd upon the Conideration of the whole Affair and having examined all Persons they could come att, in Relation to the same, and finding by suffitient Proof that the said Toolodeha is the Wife of the said Tuskenehau, who has some Time agoe complained though ineffctually of the Wrong done him by taking away his said Wife in Manner aforesaid.



Ordered that Mrs. Mary Pight doe immediately upon Sight hereof deliver the said Indian Woman to Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Blomier, the Messenger of this Board, in order to be delivered by him to the said Clugoffee and Pingoleachee to be carryed by them back to her said Husband, this Board having taken care that the said John Pight shall be paid and have Sattisfaction made him by the said Cussetau Town for so much Mony as he took the said Toolodeha for and no more.

Ordered that the Secretary signe the said Order.

Ordered that Mr. Wright doe attend this Board on Thursday next in order to take the Oath of Agent and give Bond with Securities for executing his said Office.

Adjurned till Thursday next.

*June 19, 1712*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Capt. Benja. Quelch, and Mr. John Guerrard.

Adjurned till Tomorrow 12 a'Clock.

*June 20, 1712*

|40| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerrard, and Capt. Benja. Quelch.

Read a Letter from Mr. John Charleton and refered the Consideration thereof till the next Meeting.

Richd. Berresford appeared att the Board and excused himself from qualifying himself as a Commissioner.

Resolved that Col. Hugh Grange, Mr. Ralph Iazard, and Capt. John Musgrove doe pay their Fines for being absent this Day.

Mr. John Wright, the Agent, attended the Board and is ordered to attend with his Securityes on Friday next.

Cornelius Mackarty attended the Board and being sworn said that Capt. John Cochran being att the Tomatly Town demanded a Slave from Nenehebau for the Run of a Canoe the last Year, though the said Indian did not goe in itt or was any Way concerned and refused to take Promise of Pay from those that went in the Canoe and thretned the said Nenehebau that if he did not deliver him the said Slave he would knock him down and would take his Wife. And that the said Capt. Cochran had received Rum Debts from Nekebugga att the same Time being contrary to the Commissioners' and Agent's Instructions.

Mr. Meckarty also acquainted the Board that the Yamasse Indians are mightily dissatisfied for Fear that Capt. Nairne would cause their Lands to be taken from them.

|41| Mr. Stephen Beadon attended and being sworn said that Capt. John Cochran demanded a Slave from Nenehebau for the Run of his Canoe, though

the said Indian was not in the Canoe and that he heard a Fellow say he owed Capt. Cochran Rum Debts and that he would pay them. Mr. Beadon also complained against John Frazer and Saml. Warner that a Tomatly Indian came to the Pallachuclas with a Slave with which he designed to pay George Wright a Debt, and that the said Frazer and Warner bought the said Slave though they knew the Slave was to pay the said Debt.

Mr. George Wright attended and being sworn said that Capt. John Cochran received £20 from John Frazer for the Run of a Canoe and after took a Slave from an Indian for the Run of the same Canoe, and that Capt. John Cochran demanded a Slave from Nenehebau for the Run of a Canoe though the said Indian did not goe in the Canoe or was any Way concerned in itt.

George Wright also informed that the Yamassees are afraide of their Lands being taken away.

Resolved that itt be an Instruction to the Agent to goe first of all to the Albas. Also that itt be an Instruction to the Yamasee Traders to inform the said Indians that their Lands are not to be taken from them and also to the Commissioner for the same Purpose.

Adjourned till Friday next, 9 of the Clock.

June 27, 1712

[42] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerrard, and Capt. Benja. Quelch.

Mr. Wm. Ford attended the Board and was asked the Reason of his taking a Slave from Enaclega, a Yamasee Indian, and if he had delivered the said Slave to the Owner. He said that the Indian owed him 39 Skins and that he took the said Slave for Security of his Debt, and that according to the Governour's Letter he had offered the Slave to the Indian if he would pay the Debt.

Ordered that the Slave be delivered to Enaclega of the Huspa Town, Owner of the said Slave, and that the said Indian doe pay to Mr. Wm. Ford thirty-nine Skins.

Ordered that Capt. Nairne, Commissioner amongst the Yamassees, be acquainted with this Order, and that the said Commissioner doe take care the said Ford be satisfied his thirty-nine Skins.

Mr. Wright, the Agent, attended and gave in a Paper which was read and refered to the further Consideration of the Board.

Adjourned till 3 a'Clock.

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Mett according to Adjournment.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, Charles Hart, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerrard, Capt. Benja. Quelch, and Mr. Ralph Izard.

Motion being made that Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., should be sent for to be inquired of if he would serve as a Commissioner of the Indian Trade in the Roome of Richd. Berresford, Esq., who appearing acquainted the Board that

he would act as a Commissioner. |43| Then to the said Saml Eveleigh, Esq., was administered the Oath of a Commissioner and he took his Place att the Board accordingly.

The Honourable Charles Hart, Esq., being proposed as Vice Preesident [*sic*] of this Board, agreed Nemine Contradicente that the said Charles Hart be Vice-Preesident.

Resolved that Capt. John Musgrove doe pay his Fine for being this Day absent.

Ordered that Mr. Wright, the Agent, doe attend Tomorrow with his Securities.

Adjurned till Tomorrow 9 a'Clock.

*June 28, 1712*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, Charles Hart, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, Col. Hugh Grange, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Ralph Izard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Upon debating the Paper layed before this Board by John Wright, Esq., the Agent;

Resolved that itt is the Opinion of this Board that the Agent cannot act as Agent amongst the Yamasee and Pallachocla Indians.

A Motion being made that the Agent in his Way to the Albamas may goe by the Way of the Yamasees, carried in the Affirmative.

Adjurned till 3 a'Clock.

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|44| Mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, Charles Hart, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, Col. Hugh Grange, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Ralph Izard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Mr. Wright, the Agent, attended, and was informed by the President that it is the Opinion of the Board that he has no Right to act as Agent amongst the Yamasee and Pallachucla Indians.

Whereupon the said Agent acquainted the Board that he could not accept the Agency unless he had the same Power there as amongst the other Indians subject to this Government and then withdrew.

A Motion being made that the Chief Justice be sent for and desired to give his Opinion in Relation to the Agent's Power amongst the Yamasees &c., carried in the Affirmative.

The Chief Justice, being accordingly come to the Board and being by the President asked his Opinion of the Agent's Power and having read the several Paragraphs relating to the Yamasee and Pallachocla Indians, gave his Opinion that the Agent has a Right to act as Agent amongst the Yamassees as well as amongst the other Indians belonging to this Government.

[45] The Agent being sent for to take the Oath of Agent and being come took the Agent's Oath accordingly and entered into Bond with his Securityes. Geo. Evans, Esq., and Mr. Goddin delivered to the Agent Accounts of severall Debts due from Mr. Richd. Gower to Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Mr. Andr. Allen and Mr. Porter to be recovered by the Agent.

Ordered that Geo. Wright have his Bond given him upon his paying for his lapsed Time; being the Sume of eight Pounds in full.

Signed six Lycences.

Adjurned till the second Tuesday in July.

*July 8, 1712*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett att the House of Mr. Geo. Hadderel.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, Charles Hart, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerrard, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Ralph Izard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Read Part of the Agent's Journals.

Ordered that the Board doe proceed on the Agent's Instructions tomorrow Morning.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight of the Clock.

*July 9, 1712*

[46] Att a Board of Commissioners mett att the House of Mr. Geo. Hadderel.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, Charles Hart, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerrard, Mr. Ralph Izard, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Col. Hugh Grange, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Agreed upon Instructions for the Agent which are as followeth:

1st. That you acquaint all Persons trading among the Indians of the Duty incumbent on them by the Act which you are hereby ordered to read and publish to them, and to give them such Instructions as you shall thinck good and benifitall for the Safty of the Government and Trade provided they be alwayes agreable with the Law for that Purpose.

2nd. That you use your utmost Endeavour to regulate the Lyves of the Traders, so that they give not the Indians Offence and Scandal, against the Christian Religion, and to bring them within the Bounds of Morality att least, to which End rebuke all Actions that tend to the Contrary, and if any Person so rebuked still persist lett us know them.

3rd. That you endeavour to keep Peace between all Nations of Indians, with whom we trade, and to engage as many Nations of Indians as possible you can, to embrace our Amity and Freindship.

4th. That you on Tuesday the 15th of this Instant July sett out on your Agency towards the Albamas by Way of the Yamasee Indian Settlements and in your Way to the Aratomahaw Town [47] you are to acquaint Capt. Tho. Nairne, the Commissioner of the Yamasees, of your Passing through the Yamas-

see Settlement in order that he may goe with you according to the Instructions herewith sent him, and att your Parting with the said Capt. Nairn you are hereby ordered to give him Account of such of your Proceedings as have begun among the Traders and Indians and had not Time to finish; the which you are to deliver him in Writing and transmitt Coppy thereof to the Commissioners' Board of all Affairs relating to the Yamasee Trade soe left with him, that thereby he, the said Commissioner, may be furthered in his Proceedings with the Yamasee and Palachocola Traders and Indians.

And being arived att the Pocotaligo Town you are to summon the Upper Townes of the Yamasees to meet you there, who being assembled, you are to declare to them the Cause of your coming being to unite them the better to this Government, to heal their Divitions, and confirm them in their Rights to their Lands and that no Person whatsoever shall disturb them in the quiet Possession thereof, taking Account of all their Names who are now settled thereon, and send the same to us. You are to acquaint them of the tender Regard this Government hath for their Welfare, that seeing you as Agent cannot continue with them that Capt. Tho. Nairne is placed among them to hear and redress all their Greivances and to hinder any Manner of Injustice to be done them by any Trader whatsoever who is appointed to hear all their Complaints and to doe right and impartial Justice between them and the Traders as also to adjust and settle all Differences between themselves. And while you continue att the Pocotaligoe Town you are to hear and determin all Differences as comes before you from the Indians and Traders att the said Pocotaligo Town, provided the same be done in three Dayes, you being hereby ordered to stay in said Town no longer; but att the Expiration of the foresaid three Dayes you are to make all the Hast you possibly can to the Aratomahaw Town where you are likewise |48| to summon the Lower Towns and inform them also of the great Regard this Government hath for their Wellfare and also to inform them that Capt. Nairne is appointed to hear all their Complaints and redress all their Greivances, and during your Stay there you are to hear and settle such Differences as comes before you, provided you doe itt in three Dayes, which Dayes being expired, you are to proceed to the Palachocolas and inform them of the Regard the Government hath for them as directed to the other Townes of the Yamasees att which Town you shall not stay above three Dayes, and in any of these Townes or publick Meetings you are to inform them that they are excused from all Contracts of Rum Debts whatsoever. And having finished your fixed Dayes att each of the aforesaid Yamasee Towns, whereon no Pretence whatsoever you shall stay no longer, you are then to make the Best of your Way to the Albamas through the Savana Town and such other Townes as leyes most convenient for you till you arive att the Albamas, whom we hear are deserting or endeavoring to desert this Government. And att the Savana Town you are to send us Account of your Proceedings att the Yamasees, and in your passing through any Indian Town till you gett to the Albamas, you are to exhort the Traders to be loving and kind to the Indians and not to abuse them by beating or any other Way oppressing them, but in any of there Townes you are not to hinder any Time but make all the Speed you can to the Albamas,

where or att some other convenient Place you are to send Express to Capt. Tho. Welch att the Chickesaws to know the State of the said Nation of Indians so that the said Express may meet you att the Albamas; and if you find that there is great Occation for your Presence att the Chickesawes you are then to goe and settle all their Differences, but if you doe not goe you are then to assist |49| the said Thos. Welch with your Advice in Relation to the said Chickesawes, sending him the same the best Way you can. And while you are att the Albamas you are strictly to enquire into their Greivances and to doe them immediate and impartial Justice on all Traders that have abused them, and if you find any Trader to have given them great Provocations to send them down exhibiting their Offences with them and to doe whatsoever in you lyes to hinder their Desertion. And if you find them ready to leave us you are to use such perswasive Arguments as may hinder them putting their Designs in Execution by making such Presents to the Cheif Men or Others as may induce their Stay, and if Arguments and easing them of their Opressions will not doe, then you are to exite all our freindly Indians to your Assistance to hinder their Departure from this Government, sending some of the cheif Men as Hostages into the Settlement; and of your Proceadings with them send by Express to the Governour and to the Commissioners' Board.

And having finished all Affaires att the Albamas and that you doe not goe to the Chickesawes in your Return, you are to settle all Affaires att the Tallabooses, att the Upper and Lower Creek, and from the Creek you are to goe to the Cherikee Nations and settle all there Grievances and reconcile them and the Traders, giving all the Traders strict Charge in all the Places you com, that they shall on no Pretence whatsoever abuse the Indians, and that you visit all Nations of Indians to the Westward of Savana Town and settle all Differences between the Indians and Traders, and between themselves, and having settled all Affaires among Each, and All the severall Nations of Indians in Amity with this Government, you are then to return to Savana Town giving us Account of your Proceadings and continue att the Savana Town for our further Orders.

|50| 5th. You shall keep a fair Journall wherein you shall enter all your Tryals and Proceadings with an Account of the Indians with there Number and Strength of each Nation and your own Judgment what further Regulations or Directions may be needfull, and the same to send us every three Months or oftner if Conveniency offers.

6thly. That in all Places where you come you shall strictly charge the Indians to be honest, loving and assistant, kind and obedient in all reasonable Demands to the white Men living and trading among them, and att the same Time to acquaint yourself with their Custom, Usage &c., giving the King and Head Men Advice in Relation to the managing their People the better to keep them in Subjection, and with Example and Arguments drawn from a Parrallell with our Government, and alwayes as much as in you layes, keep in Favour with the Cheif Men, advising and assisting them to maintain the Authority given them by this Government.

7thly. That you alwayes make itt your diligent Care and Study whilst you are among the Indians to enquire into the State of our Enemies, the French and Spaniards, and a true Account thereof from Time to Time to advise the Honourable the Gouvernour as also and att the same Time the Commissioners who you are to acquaint that you have rote to the Governour.

8thly. That when any Present shall be given by the Indians amounting to a Vallue worth sending down you are then to send them to the Publick Receiver for the Use of the Publick and to make such valluable Returns to the Indians for the same as in your Judgment shall seem sattisfactory to the Indians; and your Note drawn on the Receiver for the same we will |51| see well pade, provided the said Order exceed not Half the Vallue of the Present.

9thly. That you observe, follow, and keep all and singuler the Instructions prescribed in the Act for your better Guidance.

10thly. If you find Elias Thomas among any Nation of Indians you shall send him bound to Charles Town.

11thly. That five Pounds is a Reward to the Indians that take a Christian Prisoner.

12thly. That you hold a Correspondence with Thos. Welch as often as may be relating to the Publick Affaires among the Indians perticularly the Chickesawes, and that you assist him with your Advice allwayes remitting an Account to the Commissioners of the same.

13thly. Whereas we are informed of many Persons coming from Virginia and Elcewhere to trade among our Indians without first having made a full Entry of their Goods and taking Lycence as the Law directs, you are to examine into the same, requiring from the said Traders a Certificate from the Controler in Charles Town for the Time being how the said Goods hath been entered, and upon there not producing such Certificate you shall forthwith inform her Majestie's Collector thereof that the said Person may be prossecuted according to Law and if they doe not produce a Lycence you shall proceed against them as the Law directs.

14thly. You are to enquire into the Case of an Indian which ran away from John Ball to and among the Waxaw Indians. When the said Ball heard where he was, demanded him, but the Indians refused to deliver him up, except Ball came himself for him and his Occations not permitting him presently to doe in the Interim, his Slave dyed, and the Indian that detayned him went to Warr and was killed but left severall Slaves behind with his Relations, out of which Slaves the said Ball desiers Sattisfaction.

|52| 15thly. That you restrain all Slaves belonging to any white Men from going to Warr and that you give Orders accordingly.

16thly. That if any white Man trading among any Nation of Indians shall trust any Indian without the Consent or Approbation of his Relations or great Men of the Town, the said Indians' Relations or great Men shall not be Liable or accountable to pay the Debts so contracted, but in Case any Indian Trader trust any Indian by and with the Consent and Approbation of their Relations or Cheif Men of the Town that then such Relations or Cheif Men

of the Town shall be liable and answerable for the Payment of all such Debts, but you are to acquaint them att the same Time that by giving such Consent they themselves become bound for the Payment of the said Debts if the Person proves insolvent or otherwise refuse to pay the Debts or run away.

17thly. That no Trader whatsoever receive or take any Present whatsoever from any Indian upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever, but shall direct him or them to the Agent with the same.

18thly. And you are hereby strictly charged to send down all such Persons except such as have Lycences whom you thinck burthensome to the Indians whether they reside there under Pretence of getting in their Debts or any feigned Reason whatsoever and so to free all Nations of Indians from any just Ground of Complaint.

Given under the Hands and Seales of the Commissioners.

Ralph Izard	Charles Craven
John Musgrove	Charles Hart
Benja. Quelch	Saml. Eveleigh
John Guerard	

Ordered that a Message be sent to the Yamasees relating to Mr. Howes. Adjourned till Tomorrow eight a'Clock.

July 10, 1712

[53] Att a Board of Commissioners mett att the Hous of Mr. Geo. Hadderell.

PRESENT: The Hon. the Governour, *President*, Charles Hart, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Ralph Izard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Agreed upon Instructions for the Commissioners among the Yamasee and Pallachocla Indians as follow:

1. That you acquaint all Persons trading among the Yamasee and Pallachocla Indians of the Duty incumbent on them by the Act which you are hereby ordered to read to them and to give them such Instructions as you shall thinck good and benifitall for the Safty of the Government and Trade, provided they be allwayes agreeable to the Law for that Purpose.

2dly. That you use your utmost Endeavour to regulate the Lives of the Traders so that they give not the Indians Offence and Scandal against the Christian Religion, and bring them within the Bounds of Morality att least; to that End rebuke all Actions that tend to the Contrary, and if any Person soe rebuked persist lett us know them.

3dly. That you on Receipt hereof by the Agent accompany him or goe after him among the Yamasees to the severall Townes as have appointed him to visitt so that you are there at his Caling the severall Townes together which we have ordered him to doe not only to inform them of the great Regard this Government hath for there Peace and Welfare, but also to inform them that by Reason the said Agent cannot always reside [54] among them (that he is ap-



pointed to declare to the said Yamasees) that you are appointed to supply his Place, to hear and determin all there Differences, and to assure them that they shall not on any Account whatsoever be dispossesst of there Lands they are now settled on, and that you are appointed to decide and determin all Differences that shall happen between them and Traders, as also between Trader and Trader, Indian and Indian; and have appointed him the said Agent to here and determin all Causes as shall come before him in the Time we have ordered him to stay att the Pocotalligo, Aratomahaw and Parachocola Towns: to all the which Places you are to accompany him and receive from him att his Departure or leaving you, all such Informations against the Traders and Indians as he shall deliver you towards your better regulating the Yamasee and Palachcola Indian Trade.

And att your Return from the Palachocolas, this being your first Journey among the Yamasees of executing your Power as Commissioner, you are to vissitt all the cheif Townes of the Yamasees where and att all Places you are to here and determin the several Complaints of the Traders and Indians and redress the same, and in your own Name to endeavour to gain there Good Will and Affections to this Government. For that End you are to give them fresh Assurances that they shall not in any Manner of Way be disturbed or be dispossesst of there Lands, and that as true Freinds we will alwayes behave ourselves towards them, and that you put all the Powers of the Act in Force against the Traders, perticularly in restraining them from purchasing or any Manner of underhand Dealing with the Indians for Slaves &c. till they have been with there severall Slaves and Merchandize three Dayes in there Townes. Then to be sold att Publick Markett other Wayes to declare such Bargains voyd, and you are again to make them sensible that all Rum Debts whatsoever [55] are not to be paid to any Trader, such Contracts being contrary to Law. You shall once in every two Months goe amongst the said Yamasees, to the Pocotalligoe, Huspaw, Aratomahaw and Parachocolas, and to such other Townes amongst the Yamasees as you find Occation to goe amongst, where you shall, att your several Vissitts, hear there Complaints and redress there Greivances, and as often as have Occation you are to give them fresh Asurances of our Freindship, alwayes endeavouring to remove any Manner of Jealousies about there Lands, and att giving us Account of there Greivances we will immediately redress. We therefore order you to make strict Enquiry who are settled on any of there Lands, and send there Names to us, and at the Return of Each of your Journeys in the aforesaid two Months, you shall transmitt Account to us of all your Proceedings, and that the said Trade may in good Earnest be regulated, you are to put the Act in force against all Traders which you find trading without a Lycence among the Yamasee and Pallachocola Indians.

4th. You shall keep a fair Journall wherein you shall enter all your Tryals and Proceedings with an Account of the Indians where you preside, with there Number and Strength, and your own Judgment what further Regulations or Directions may be nedefull and the same to send us every three Months or oftner if Conveniency offers.

5th. That in all Places where you come you shall strictly charge the Indians to be honest, loving, kind, assistant, and obedient in all resonable Demands to the white Men living and trading amongst them; and att the same Time to acquaint yourself with their Custome, Usage, &c., giving the King and Head Men Advice in Relation to the managing there People the better to keep them in Subjection, and with Example and Arguments drawn from a Paralel with our Government, and allwayes as much |56| as in you lajes [*sic*] keep in Favour with the Cheif Men, advising and assisting them to maintain there Authority given them by this Government.

6thly. That you alwayes make itt your diligent Care and Study whilst you are among the Indians to enquire into the State of our Enemies, the French and Spaniards, and a true Account thereof from Time to Time to advise the Honourable the Governour as also and att the same Time to the Commissioners, who you are to inform that you have rote to the Governour.

7thly. That when any Present shall be given by the Indians amounting to a Vallue worth sending down, you are then to send them to the Publick Receiver for the Use of the Publick and to make such valluable Returns to the Indians for the same as in your Judgment shall seem satisfactory and your Note drawn on the Receiver the same we will see well pade, provided the same exceed not half the Vallue of the Present.

8thly. That you observe to follow and keep all and singuler the Instructions prescribed in the Act for your better Guidance.

9thly. If you find Elias Thomas among the Indians where you reside, you shall send him bound to Charles Town.

10thly. That five Pound is a Reward to the Indians who take a Christian Prisoner.

11thly. That you restrain all Slaves belonging to any white Men from going to Warr and that you give Orders accordingly.

12thly. That if any white Man trading amongst the Indians where you reside which shall trust any Indian without the Consent or Approbation of his Relations or the great Men of the Town, the said Indians, Relations, or great Men shall not be liable |57| or accountable to pay the Debts so contracted; but in Case any Indian Trader trust any Indian by and with the Consent and Approbation of there Relations or Cheif Men of the Town, that then such Relations or Cheif Men of the Town shall be liable and answerable for the Payment of all such Debts; but you are to acquaint them att the same Time that by giving such Consent they themselves become bound for the Payment of the Debts if the Person trusted proves insolvent or otherwise refuse to pay the Debt or run away.

13thly. That no Trader whatsoever receive or take any Present from any Indian upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever, but shall direct him or them to the Commissioner with the said Presents.

14thly. And you are hereby strictly charged to send down all such Persons except such as have Lycences whom you thinck burthensome to the Indians whether they reside there under Pretence of getting in Debts or any feigned

Reason whatsoever, and so to free those Nations of Indians where you reside from any just Ground of Complaint.

Given under the Hands and Seales of the Commissioners.

John Wright, Esq., Agent, desired his former Bonds might be given him up, and also his Paper lately layed before this Board.

Ordered to be deferred till the next Sitting of the Commissioners.

Mr. Vice President signed the following Orders:

One to Mr. John Hale, thirteen Pound two Shillings six Pence

One to Mr. Geo. Hadderell, nine Pound five Shillings

One to Mr. Wm. Blomier, two Pound tenn Shillings

One to Tho. Barton, five Pound tenn Shillings

Accounted with the Commissioners and remained due to them from the Publick, nine Pound, twelve Shillings and six Pence.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*October 25, 1712*

[58] Att a Board of Commissioners mett by spetial Summons.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Craven, Esq., Governour, *President*, Charles Hart, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Hugh Grange, and Mr. John Guerrard.

Read the Complaints of the Altimahaw King and several of Warriors against Alexander Nicolas, 29th Sept., 1712.

That he lately beat a Woman that he kept for his Wife so that she dyed and the Child within her; another Woman he has beat since, the Chasee King's Wife, who is very ill, and another Woman being King Altimahaw's Sister. That severall more Warriours would have gon but that they ware afraid during their Absence he would beat their Wives and Children.

King Altimahaw said he would have bound him and brought him to Town but that he feared the Displeasure of the Government, and further that he and his People have been so much abused by him that if he was not sent for down and punished they would quit the Town.

The Interpreters being sworn declares the above written to be the Truth and Substance of King Altimahaw's Complaint.

Shippy Allen  
Cornelius Meckarty

Jurat Coram me Ano and Die Supr.

Charles Hart

Ordered that the Messinger attending this Board be forthwith sent with the following Order to apprehend the said Nicolas.

The Honourable the President of this Board producing and laying before them all Information made by Altimahaw, a Yamasse Casequa, which was interpreted by the Oaths of two white Men that one Alexa. Nicholas had committed a grievous Murther on the Body of a Yamase Woman with Child, and dangerously hurt and wounded two other Indian Women which horrible Abuse

if not severely punished will not onely be a Neglect of Publick Justice, but create a very great Dissatisfaction and Disturbance to and amongst our friendly Indians.

These are therefore to require and command Wm. Blomier, the Messenger attending this Board, that he forthwith repair to such Place or Places in Berkly or Craven Countyes where he shall be directed to by this Board or shall otherwyse receive Information of the Resort or Abode of the said [59] Alexa. Nicholas, and him when found shall bind and secure and bring him to the common Gaol in Charles Town and for his acting in the Premisses this shall be his Warrant.

Given att the Board of Commissioners &c.

Charles Craven, President

Ordered that this Board doe request the Honourable the Governour to send a spetiall Warrant to apprehend the said Nicholau [Nicholas].

Ordered that the Secretary send a List of all such Traders as have taken out Licences since the new Act and of such whose former Licences are not yett expired to the Agent and to the Commissioner among the Yamassee and Pal-lachocola Indians, and that itt be an Instruction to them to take care that the Traders doe send down for fresh Licences.

Ordered that John Wright, Esq., have his former Bonds canceled and delivered him which was done accordingly, and that Col. Grainge doe desier Mrs. Smith to deliver Mr. Wright's first Bond to him.

Ordered that the Agents doe send Lists to this Board of the Names of all the Traders soe that effectuall Care may be taken to recover the former Licence Mony.

Jack, a Santalena Indian, complains that Tho. Parmiter took two shee Tuckabugga Slaves from him, and that he owed the said Parmiter no Debt.

Ordered that the said Tho. Parmiter doe attend this Board on the first Day of December next to answer the said Complaint.

Mr. John Charleton attended the Board and informed them that Mr. Cockett demanded £40 for two Slaves which the said Charleton seized from the said Cockett for his trading without a Lycence, which Slaves made their Escape from the said Charleton.

Mr. Saml. Hilden attended the Commissioners on the Behalf of Mr. Cockett and consented to refer itt to the Desision of the Board, and Mr. Charleton being called in, consented to the same.

Itt was proposed that Mr. Cockett be allowed a resonable Price for the said two Slaves.

[60] Ordered that the said Mr. John Charleton doe pay to the said Mr. John Cockett twenty-five Pound in three Monts in full Sattisfaction for the two Slaves run away from the said Charleton and all other Differences arising from the said Charleton's seazing the Goods and Slaves of the said Cockett for his trading without a Lycence.

Ordered that John Wright, Esq., have a Cobby of his Papers formerly layd before this Board.

Mr. Wright also acquainted the Commissioners that he was ready to sett out on his Agency, but understanding that Mr. Frazier was to be examined before the Counsell on Wensday next desired he might have Leave to stay till that Time.

Ordered that Mr. Wright have Leve to stay in Town till Wensday next.

Ordered that Mr. Wright have Orders to tell the Indians who stayed with Col. Barnwell and ware to have Coats given them that they shall spedly be sent up.

Ordered that Capt. John Musgrove doe pay his Fine for being this Day absent.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*November 22, 1712*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett by spetiall Summons.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *Vice President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Hugh Grange, Mr. John Guerrard, and Mr. Ralph Izard.

Read a Letter from Mr. John Wright dated att Port Royall the 15th Instant.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*December 18, 1712*

|61| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *Vice President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerrard, Capt. John Musgrove, and Col. Wm. Rhett, being appointed a Commissioner by Vote of the Hous of Commons, who took the Oath of a Commissioner according to the Act.

Mr. Vice President delivered in to the Board Mr. Wright's Journall of his Proceedings in his Agency and also a Letter from the said Wright att Port Royall dated the 24th November last.

Tho. Nairn, Esq., gave in his Journal of his Proceadings as Commissioner amongst the Yamasee and Palachocola Indians from the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of June to the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of November last.

Tho. Nairne, Esq., took the Oath of Agent and entered into Bond with his Securityes, Mr. Wm. Gibbon and Mr. Andrew Allen.

Ordered that Mr. Wright's and Mr. Nairne's Journals be read att the next Meeting of the Commissioners.

Agreed upon Instructions for the Agent as followes:

The first Sixteen of the Agent's former Instructions.

|62| 17th. You shall acquaint all Persons trading among the Indians that if they or any of them give any Trust, or Credit, or Contract with any Indian for the Time to come for any Sum or Sums of Mony exceding the Vallue of sixty Skins, itt shall be att the Risquo of such Trader and the Agent shall upon no Account whatsoever award him above the said Sum.

18th. You shall give due Intimation to all the Indian Traders to pay their Arrears of Licence Money, and after the Term of three Months, which is hereby allowed to those who trade among the Yamassee and Palachocolo Indians, and six Months for those who trade among any other Indians of this Province, for paying their Arrears and taking up their Bonds is elapsed, you shall demand a View of their Receipt or Certificat from the Publick Receiver or the Secretary of this Board of having payd their Arrears and taken up their Bonds, and if they will produce no such Certificate, you shall seise and secure their Goods as the Act directs. In other Cases, untill they produce Certificates of having paid the Arrears aforesaid, and if they have no Effects to seise or conceal what they have, you shall committ them to Prison untill they have payd or given Security to pay all their Arrears. But, if any Dispute arise relating to the Time any Person hath traded and for which Licence Money is due, you shall allow the Liberty of appealing to this Board, upon the Person appealing, his giving Security to stand to the Determination of this Board and pay what he is thereby ordered.

19th. If any white Man living among the Indians is complained against for Debt or any Difference, you shall give him due Notice by sending a Message or Note to his usuall Place of Residence, and if he neglect to appear and answer within 6 Dayes after Intimation given, you shall proceed to hear the Proofes of the Complaynant and decree according to Justice as if the other Party were present, [63] provided that such Person be att that Time in Health and within such reasonable Distance as he may conveniently appear.

20th. The Eighteenth of the former Instructions.

That you by the 14th January next sett out on your Agency to the several Townes of the Yamassee and Palachocola Indians and having finished what shall come before you, you shall proceed to the Savana Town, and from thence to the Ochesseses, and then to the Tallapooses, and then back to the Cherikees and from thence to the Congarees.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*March 19, 1712/13*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *Vice President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, and Mr. John Guerrard.

Read a Letter from Mr. Nairne from Pocotaligo Town dated the 5th of this Instant March.

Mr. John Wright, the late Agent, informing the Board that he should have Occation to make use of his Yamassee Journal against severall Traders att the Sessions, desied he might have the Perusal of the said Journals.

Ordered that the Secretary attending this Board do permitt the said Mr. Wright or his Counsell to have the Perusal and make Use of any of his said Writings, Journals, or Papers he shall have Occation for in Court or without, in Presence of the said Secretary and not otherwise.

Ordered that the Secretary summon the Commissioners to meet on Tuesday next.

Adjourned till Tuesday next, tenn of the Clock.

*March 24, 1712/13*

[64] Att a Board of Commissioners mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *Vice President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerrard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Itt being proposed to chose a President, itt was unanimously agreed that the Honourable Charles Hart, Esq., be President of this Board.

Itt being proposed to choose a Commissioner in the Roome of Col. Grainge, deceised, and Mr. Berrisford, Maj. Evans and Mr. Hill being proposed, the Majority fell on Richd. Berrisford, Esq.

Ordered that the Secretary doe write to acquaint him therewith.

Read Mr. Nairne's Journal of his Proceodings as Commissioner among the Yamasee and Palachocola Indians from the 20th June to the 2d November last.

Read allso Mr. Wright's Journall of his Proceodings in his Agency from the 7th November to the 21th.

Ordered that Col. Rhett doe pay his Fine for being this Day absent.

Adjourned till Tomorrow, tenn of the Clock.

*March 25, 1713*

[65] Att a Board of Commissioners mett by Adjurnment.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Read the Journall of Tho. Nairne, Esq., Agent from the 10th of December, 1712 to the 5th March, 1712/13.

Mr. Graham complayned that Mr. Wright had caused a Boy to be sett free who was perswaded to run away by Panchio, an Appalachia Indian, and goeing in a few Dayes after to Mr. Wright to recover his Slave, he told him he might depend he was free and that he shoold not have him. Mr. Wright being called and asked the Reason of his setting the said Slave free without any Tryall, Mr. Wright said itt fully appeared that the Slave was free, and then withdrew to produce the Proceodings att large in his Journall.

Capt. Magott complayned of a Slave ordered to be sett free by Mr. Wright, which Slave belonged to the said Magott and Mr. Wm. Bray, though the said Wright had refered the Decision thereof to this Board.

Mr. Wright said that he had refered itt to the Commissioners but that the Complaynants in 18 Months had never brought the said Complaint before the Commissioners, but had in the said Time severall Times indeavored to dispose of the same for a Slave, upon which being fully satisfied that she was free, he had sertyfied her Freedom accordingly.

King Lewis and severall Indians attended the Board with Complaints.

Capt. John Musgrove, being sworn to interpritt, saith that Mr. Wright, when he was last up, desired to have a Place to sett a Hous on to settle their, and that they told him they could not consent to itt, but if he [66] had Power to doe itt they could not help itt. Being asked if they had not offered to build Mr. Wright a Hous and to cut the Timber themselves if he would settle there, they denied that they had made him any such Offer. But said that he had consulted with three of the Kings about buying \_\_\_\_\_ Island, but that they told him they could doe Nothing in itt without the Consent of their Townes.

Being asked if they were willing he shoold build a Hous and settle among them; answered that when Mr. Wright was last up a Hous was building for the second Man and that Mr. Wright desired he might have itt finished for him, but the Owner refused to part with itt. And then Mr. Wright told him to gett Timber for him against he came up for he would build a Hous by the Great Hous. They told him if he did he must not expect any Help from them or from their People.

Being asked if Mr. Wright pretended to settle there by Order of the Goverment, they said that he did not. They were told the Goverment would not suffer any Person to molest them in their Settlements and that they were not obliged to build any Hous or provide any Timber for any Person.

They farther acquainted the Board that when Capt. Nairne, the Agent, was up they proposed that the Cheehawes who ware formerly belonging to the Yamassees and now settled att the Creek might return and ware told Capt. Nairne had writt to the Goverment and they shoold have an Answer.

Assento complayned that Cockett had a Slave from him which he sold to Mr. Brett, but never payed him any Thing.

King Lewis complayned that Cockett had a Slave from him for which he had only an old Coat, and that Mr. Wright knew of the Debt.

Ordered that Ralph Izard, Esq., and Col. Rhett doe pay their Fines for being absent.

Adjurned till Tomorrow, nine of the Clock.

*March 26, 1713*

[67] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Read Mr. Nairne's Letter to the Governour and Affidavits relating to Cockett's Debts to the Indians.

Mr. Wright attended and answered the Complaint of Mr. Graham for his having sett free an Indian Boy, and this Board was fully satisfied with what he had done.

Owitka complayned against Wm. Bray for seising a free Woman. Referred till the next Sitting of the Commissioners.

Mr. Meckarty complains that Capt. Nairne had taken a Man Slave from him which he had from Tobego, and given him to Mr. Cochran and Mr. Frazier contrary to Mr. Wright's former Directions.



Mr. Wright decreed the said Slave to Mr. Meckarty on the 20th November. Itt appeared to the Board that the Slave was justly possess by Mr. Cochran and Mr. Frasier, having bin ordered them by Mr. Nairne before that Time.

Mr. Cochran acquainted the Board that he had seized Goods att Dawfusky by the Agent's Warrant and to know what he must doe with them.

Mr. Wright attended and said he had sent Goods to Mr. Callahaan's and ordered them to be delivered to Mr. Joseph Wright who carried them to his Surprise to Dawfusky instead of carrying them to Allabama. Upon Debate of the Matter Mr. Wright was called and acquainted that those Goods ware according to Law, forfeited, yett they were far from using the utmost Rigour against him, but that they ware willing upon his paying the Charges he might have his Goods again. But Mr. Wright refused to comply and said if he had done any Thing against the Act, he must abide by itt. Itt is the Opinion of this Board that Thomas Nairne, Esq., Agent, |68| in ordering the Goods to be seized att Dawfuskey hath done his Duty and proceded according to the Act, and that the further Consideration how the said Goods shall be disposed of be defered till the next Sitting of the Commissioners.

Read an Order of the Hous of Commons to order Mr. Wright, and in his Absence, John Cochran, Esq., to deliver to Wm. Maggott, Wm. Bray, and John Fraser the Goods and Slaves which were seised by Mr. Wright's Order for their Disobedience to the said Wright. Mr. Wright said that when this Order was delivered him he was ordered by the Hous of Commons to cease to be Agent soe that he could doe Nothing in itt but that they went and took the Slaves and Goods.

Mr. Fraser complayned that he was bound to the Sessions for taking the said Goods according to the said Order.

Mr. Wright delivered in Bonds from James Pattison, Edmond Ellis, and George Wright to take out Licences.

Ianoia complains that Wm. Bray took a Slave from him for the Heyer of a Canoe which went to War, though he did not goe in her, only sent home a Slave.

Mr. Wright desiered since he was put out from being Agent he might have his Bond given him up.

Referred till the next Setting.

Allso referred Mr. Meckarty's Account till next Board.

Sent a Summons for Joseph Wright to attend this Board on the fourth of Aprill.

Ordered that Ralph Izard, Esq., and Col. Wm. Rhett doe pay their Fines for being this Day absent.

Adjurned till the fourth of Aprill.

*April 4, 1713*

|69| Att a Board of Commissioners mett by Adjurnment.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerrard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Adjurned till the 14th Instant, 9 of the Clock.

April 16, 1713

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., and Col. Geo. Logan.

Col. Geo. Logan took the Oath of a Commissioner according to the Act and took his Place att the Board.

Richd. Berrisford, Esq., being chosen a Commissioner in the Roome of Col. Grange, deceased, took the Oath of a Commissioner and took his Place att the Board.

Upon Debate how the Goods of Mr. John Wright formerly seized att Dafusky by the Agent's Warrant shall be disposed of,

Resolved that upon Mr. John Wright paying six Pound to Mr. Cochran and engaging to pay such further Sum as the Commissioners upon further Enquiry shall award, not exceding six Pound more, and not to molest or trouble Mr. Cochran or any other Person for seising the said Goods, might have his Goods delivered to him.

Mr. Wright being called and acquainted therewith said he could not pay any Mony for that would make him guilty, but that the Goods were in their Possession and that they might stop such Sum as they think fitt. |70| Upon further Debate itt was the Opinion of the Board that since the Goods ware seized according to the Act, itt was not in the Commissioners' Power to remitt the said Forfeiture, but that itt be refered to the Assembly.

Resolved that Mr. Wright upon paying twelve Pound for the Charge of seising and giving Bond for the Vallue of the Goods to stand to the Desision of the Hous of Commons might have his Goods delivered him. Mr. Wright being called and acquainted therewith refused to comply.

Col. Parris acquainted the Board that Mr. Wright had encouraged the Traders not to pay their Arerage of Licence Mony.

Resolved that the Receiver doe take the Mony for new Licences and refer the Arreares till further Orders.

Mr. Wright acquainted the Board that Mr. Wm. Bray was convicted for selling two free Indians and that he being Informer and Prosecurator desired he might have his Reward allotted him. Mr. Wright also desired he might have his Bond given him.

Ordered that Mr. John Wright's Bond be delivered him up.

Ordered that Joseph Wright be sent for down against the next Sitting of the Commissioners.

Adjurned till the 7th May next.

May 14, 1713

|71| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan.

Read two Letters from the Cherikees by Alexa. Longe to the Honourable the Governour.

Ordered that Coppyes of the said Letters be sent to the Agent with the following Letter:

Charles Town the 14th May, 1713

Sir,

Upon Receipt of two Letters from the Hands of the Honourable the Governour brought to him by Flint, a Cherikee Indian living on Cussata River, and Cæsar, John Stephen's Slave, we have this Day made a Board and have concluded to send you the inclosed Coppyes of the Letters with our Instructions and Directions to make a speedy Inquiry into the Truth of the Matter, and give such Orders to the Parties as consists with Justice and the Powers given you by the Act as to that Part of the Complaint which relates to War. You will receive a Letter from the Governour to which we refer you. The French Men and there Goods which the Eucheas have taken we suppose an Advantage to this Government, but would have you give them Satisfaction for the white Men and send them down together with an Account of your Proceedings and Opinion of the Matter. And be careful to enquire to what Place the French were designed to carry their Goods because we suspect they might have a Design to tamper with the Charikees. Att the Request of the above said Flint we advise you to enquire as you come by the Savana Town into the Cause why John Stephens detains severall Cloaths, &c., belonging to said Flint, by what we perceive itt is because he suspects he hath been [72] the Occation of his Man Cæsar's going from him. We have acquainted Mr. Stanyarn, John Stephens' Attorney, of his being here to give him the Opportunity of doeing his Friend Justice, but he takes no Notice of itt, saying that his Master expects Satisfaction from his Nation which the Fellow sayes they are about to give him. We think well of itt that itt is soe like to be made up among them and that Cæsar be made free, he being one of that Nation and may proove serviceable on Occation, soe would have you see that Mr. Stephens is not unreasonable in his Demands on that Account. We have taken less Notice of the Complaint then if itt had come by the Head Men of the Nation or attested by more of the white Men; but your being att or near the Place, that and many other Impediments will be taken off. After Examination and you find any Truth in the Complaint we doubt not, but you'l be expeditious with your Answer. We have received yours of the 5th, 14th and 16th March and 10th Aprill. Your Journals give us very great Satisfaction, but being short of Time att this Meeting have given you no perticuler Answer thereto. Wishing you a prosperous Journey, we rest your

Assured Friends,

Cha. Hart, President

Richd. Berrisford

Geo. Logan

Ra. Izard

John Guerard

H. Wigington

Signed six Licences and six Instructions.

Adjurned till further Summons.

May 16, 1713

[73] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, and Mr. John Guerard.

Mr. Joseph Wright attended the Board and being asked why he had not attended the Agent upon his Summons, he denied that he had ever received any Summons or Message from him.

Being asked with what Intent he had carried the Goods belonging to Mr. John Wright from Mr. Callahane's to Dafuske and whether Mr. John Wright knew of his carrying them thither, he produst two Letters from the said John Wright, and said the [*sic*] had carried the Goods to Dafuske to secure them and that he had good Reason to thinck that Mr. John Wright expected he had carried the said Goods to Allatamah Town and that he had no Orders from him to carry them to Dafuske.

It was proposed that upon Mr. Joseph Wright's paying six Pound to Mr. Cochran for the Charges of seising the Goods, and Mr. John Wright's engaging not to molest Mr. Cochran for the said Seizure, that Capt. Cochran shoold deliver the said Goods.

Mr. Joseph Wright desired till the next Meeting of the Commissioners which was granted.

Adjurned till Thursday next.

July 14, 1713

[74] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., and Mr. John Guerard.

Read the Agent's Journall from the 13th April to the 29th May and allso a Letter from the said Agent dated att the Coweta Town the 28th May; and also Coppyes of six Letters writt from the said Agent to the Governour and Counsell No. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, [and] 11.

Mr. Pight complayned that Captain Musgrove had taken a Slave Boy from him which he had bought from Oboyclackoe.

Ordered that Captain Musgrove have Notice to be att this Board on Thursday next att 10 of the Clock in the Forenoone.

Adjurned till Tomorrow ten a'Clock.

July 15, 1713

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., and Mr. John Guerard.

Adjurned till Tomorrow seven a'Clock.

July 16, 1713

|75| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Mr. John Wright attended and desired the Board to order him his Reward out of the Mony recovered from Mr. Wm. Bray for his selling two free Indians, the said Wright being Informer.

Ordered that the Publick Receiver doe pay to Mr. John Wright sixty Pound as a Reward for his Information.

Capt. Musgrove having informed the Board in Answer to Mr. Pight's Complaint that the Boy was taken by Mr. Steeds by due Corce of Law. Ordered that itt be defered till Mr. Steeds come down.

Ordered that a Bond of severall Traders delivered by Mr. Wright to the Board obliging themselves not to trade with the Yamassee Indians for any Goods except Armes and Ammunition be cancelled and the said Bond was cancelled.

Captain Musgrove acquainted the Board that Mr. Alexa. Clarke said that Mr. John Wright had declared Ahele, a Creek Indian, free and after sold her, and that one Joseph Acosta knew the same.

Ordered that Alexa. Clarck and Joseph Acosta be summoned down against the next Board.

Adjurned till Tomorrow fower of the Clock in the Afternoon.

July 17, 1713

|76| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Writt the following Letter to the Agent:

Sir,

We have received boath your Letters and Journall. What you there insert hath been read by the Board and approved, the Peticulers refered to us shall be taken Care of.

We are fully satisfied with your Capacity and Diligence and doubt not but an Account 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 with Insolence inconsistent with the Amity we profess and unbecoming the Dignity of the 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, and probably that Way may perswade them into Compliance, but upon considering the Act of Parliament we doe not think we have a suffitient Power to prosecute the same. However, by the properest, easiest Methods you can thinck of, oblige them to pay that this Fund may not prove Defitient, if any

Thing should happen to excuse them. Hereafter those Traders that have answered must be refunded their Mony, but noe Doubt a new Act will provide for the same. This is what att Present offers most Materiall.

Wishing you a prosperous Journey and a safe Return to us, we are, Sir,  
Your humble Servants

[77] Examined Mr. Meccarty's Account and allowed him twenty Pound.  
Signed an Order on the Receiver to Mr. Meccarty for twenty Pound.

One to Mr. Haderell for thirty-three Pound, eleven Shillings and ten Pence half Penny.

One to John Wright, Esq., for sixty Pound.

One to Mr. Wm. Blomier for six Pound five Shillings.

One to Mr. Tho. Barton for seven Pound ten Shillings.

Accounted with the Commissioners and remained due to them sixteen Pound, ten Shillings and seven Pence half Penny.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*August 17, 1713*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Tho. Nairne, Esq., Agent, attended the Board and gave in his Journall from the 29th May to the 31st July, 1713, and also Coppyes of Letters to the Governour, No. 12, 13, 14, 15, [and] 16.

Mr. Wm. Morgan being sent for and sworn said that Ahela, a Kinswom[an] of the Soogela King, had been declared free by Col. Moore, by Tho. Nairne, Esq., when Agent, and by John Wright, Esq., when he was Agent, and that the said Wright threatened any Person that should sell the said Soogela Woman that they should be whipt.

And being asked if he knew any Thing of the Sale of the said Woman, answered that he knew Nothing but by Hearsay, but that he carried Goods to the Cusseta Captain and said they ware sent by Mr. Wright, the Agent, for Satisfaction for the said Soogela Woman, but that the Cusseta Captain would not receive them.

[78] Tho. Nairne, Esq., Agent, informed that Mr. John Wright had brought down Ahela, the free Soogela Woman, and sold or detained her, and that Mathew Smallwood, Antho. Probert and Alexander Clarck knew this Affaire.

Mr. Wm. Morgan, being asked why he had not taken out a Lycence, said that he had paid the Mony to Mr. Saunders who told him Mr. John Wright had taken one out for him and that itt was sent up by an Appalatia Indian.

Read Mr. John Smith's Deposition against Mr. John Wright for cancelling severall Traders' Bonds for Payment of Arrers of Licence Mony.

Adjurned till tomorrow Morning.

*August 18, 1713*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Read the Agent's Journall.

Ordered that the Messinger acquaint the Attorney Generall to attend this Board Tomorrow eight of the Clock.

Ordered that the Governour be desired to wright to the Governour of St. Augustine to procure the Release of Salt, a Warriar, taken Prisoner att St. Augustine and sent to the Havana.

Resolved that itt is the Opinion of the Commissioners persuant to the Opinion of the Agent that the Eucheas doe give another Slave or the Vallue thereof to Mr. Gower for the Woman which he bought which ought to be free.

It appeared to the Board by the Agent's Journall of the 10th June last that Mr. John Wright, when Agent, bought two Slaves from Mr. Lucas. And by the 23d June that the said Wright giving several Slaves to Mr. Gower for Debts which were not due from their Owner but from other private Persons was the true Cause of the Albasas deserting to Mobele.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight a'Clock.

*August 19, 1713*

[79] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*: Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Read a Letter from Price Hughes, Gtt. Dillon and James Douglas dated att Itsho Town 24th May, 1713 relating to two Cherike Women who are detained Slaves att Mr. St. Julian's.

Ordered that the Messinger carry the following Order to Mr. St. Julian to attend this Board.

Mr. St. Julian,

Sir, the Cherike Indians have made Complaint to this Board that there are two Women of their Nation detained Slaves att your Hous. This is therefore to require you to appear before us att Charles Town with all Expedition after you receive this Order, and that in the mean Time you take care of the said Slaves that they be neither disposed of nor make their Escapes least you incur the Penalty of the Act.

Charles Hart, *President*

Col. Parris being sent for attended, and was ordered to take care that Mr. John Pight doe pay his Licence Mony before he goe off the Province.

Sent the following Order to the Traders att the Savana and Yamasse Settle[ments].

Gentlemen,

Having heard that great Quantities of Rum hath been lately sent up among the Indians contrary to a known Act in that Case made and provided,

These are therefore to require you to make a diligent and strict Search for all Rum or other Spirritts brought into or nigh any of the Yamasse or Palachocola Townes and having found the same, you shall cause itt to be destroyed by breaking the Casks or Bottles which contains the same. |80| Hereof faile not att your Perril and you may entirely depend on the Law as the Protection of this Board.

Charles Hart, President

Ordered that Mr. John Smith's Affidavitt against Mr. John Wright be refered to the Generall Assembly.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*September 12, 1713*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Mr. John Guerard, and Saml. Eveleigh, Esq.

Mr. John Dixon attended the Board and being charged with tearing and burning the Governor's Order sent by Capt. Haistings, said that he had never disobeyed the Governor's Order, but acknowledged he had burnt a Note from Capt. Hastings, but that itt was before the said Hastings had received his Commission from the Governour and that after Capt. Hastings had his Commission he had procured considerable Numbers of the Indians to goe with the said Capt. Hastings to the Chactaw War.

Ordered that John Dixon doe attend the Governour and acknowledg his Offence in tearing and burning the Order (sent him by Capt. Hastings) to hinder the Indians from going to War against the Chactawes. And that he make such Publick Acknowledgment among the Indians as this Board shall direct.

Mr. Dixon being sworn said that going by the Agent's Warrant to sett free two free Indian Women and their Brother detained by Tho. Welch as Slaves, that said Welch thretned him that if he said any more to the Indians about itt, he had a Gun ready charged for him.

|81| Ordered that Mr. Tho. Welch be sent for with all possible Expedition by Warrant signed by the Honourable President of the Board.

Ordered that the Secretary write a Letter to the Agent to defer his going among the Indians and that he attend this Board on Satterday next.

Adjurned till the 19th Instant.

*September 25, 1713*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, and Col. Wm. Rhett.

Mr. Wigington read a Letter from the Agent relating to his not attending the Board according to their Order of the 12th Present.

Lewis King of the Pocaligo Town complained against Cornelius Meckarty and Saml. Hilden for stripping and beating Wiggasay and Haclantoosa, two



of his People, att one of their Playes and taking away their Cloath &c., and would not give them any Account what they would allow for them.

He also informed the Board that the Pocolabo King was coming down with Complaints against Dr. Ellis.

Ordered that the Publick Receiver doe cause Edmund Ellis to be arested for trading without a Licence.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*October 6, 1713*

[82] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Taken the Indian's Examination against Dr. Edmund Ellis.

The Honourable the Governour being present ordered the Secretary to deliver the Indian's Examination to the Attorney Generall and order him to prosecute the said Ellis att the Sessions.

The Board having received Information that Landgrave Tho. Smith hath several Traders abroad without Licences. Ordered that they be prosecuted according to the Act.

Read a Petition from Dr. Ellis praying the Favour of the Commissioners that he might be discharged from his Confinement.

Ordered that the Secretary inform him that he must apply himself to the Governour, he having ordered his Prosecution.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*November 18, 1713*

[83] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, and Mr. John Guerard.

Col. Broughton delivered a Letter from John Dickson relating to the Agent's seizing a Pack of Skins from Charles Pearce &c. to force them to pay dubble Pay to the Indians for the Carrage of Skins.

Ordered that a Letter be writt to the Agent to have an Account from him of the Matter.

Col. Broughton also acquainted the Commissioners that one Francis Ryal, a French Deserter from Mobeles, is settled as a Trader among the Albamas.

Ordered that the said Francis Ryal be sent for to this Board.

Ordered that Charles Pearce be examined concerning three French Prisoners taken by the Indians and brought down by Col. Broughton's, and sent off for whom Col. Broughton is not yett paid.

Mr. Hughs proposed that the Warrant sent to bring down Tho. Welch to this Board might be stopt till the said Hughs hath heard what Mr. Welch hath to say for himself and that he hath transmitted itt to the Board.

Referred to the Conideration of the Board att their next Meeting.

Adjurned.

*November 21, 1713*

|84| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Henry Wigington, Esq., and Mr. John Guerrard.

A Motion being made that Mr. Tho. Welch might accompany Mr. Hughs in his designed Journey among the Indians and that the Warrant against him might be respited.

Carried in the Negative.

Ordered that Mr. Hughs have al possible Incouragement given him in his designed Journey and that a Letter be writt to the Agent accordingly.

Ordered that Mr. Meckarty doe attend this Board a Tuesday next.

Adjurned till Tuesday one of the Clock.

*November 24, 1713*

|85| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Henry Wigington, Esq., and Mr. John Guerard.

Remarkt several Defitiencies of the Indian Trading Act to be laid before the Assembly.

Mr. Meckarty attended the Board and being charged by two of the Kings with beating two of their People that came from North Carolina and taking some Cloaths from them for eighty-three Skins that were owing to him, the said Meckarty produced two Affidavitts from James Pattison and Geo. Wright to prove that he had not beaten or misused them.

Referred to the next Meating of the Commissioners.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*March 25, 1714*

|86| Att a Board of Commissioners mett att the Hous of Capt. Brewinton.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Henry Wigington, Esq., and Mr. John Guerard.

Read a Letter from the Agent dated att the Savana Town the 6th March 1713/14.

Received a Bond of Benja. Cleas and James Duglas dated the 12th February, 1713/14 obliging severall Traders to take out Licences before the 20th Aprill following.

Received also from the Agent a Note for seven Pound ten Shillings payable to the Publick Receiver for the Publick by Benja. Clea for Licence Mony for an Indian Factor belonging to Mr. Card.

Read the Agent's Journall from the first of September to the 20th February 1713/14.

Read a Letter from Landgrave Smith relating to his Peoples' Trading without Licenses.

Att a Board of Comiss<sup>r</sup> mett y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> May 1714 87.

Present y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Hart Esq<sup>r</sup> Pres<sup>t</sup>

Rich<sup>d</sup> Berriford Esq<sup>r</sup>

Ralph Izard Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sam<sup>l</sup> Everleigh Esq<sup>r</sup>

~~C<sup>o</sup>l<sup>l</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Rhett~~

C<sup>o</sup>l<sup>l</sup> Geo: Logan

Henry Wigington Esq<sup>r</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> John Guerard

Capt. John Musgrove

M<sup>r</sup> Bonj<sup>a</sup> Clea being sworn said he heard Capt<sup>r</sup> Card say there was a design among the Cherikoo to cut off Chestowee 10 days before y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> town was cut off and that y<sup>e</sup> Cherikoo designed to invite the Euchoo to a ball play in order to cut them off That he heard from M<sup>r</sup> Dillon y<sup>e</sup> Indians gave an account of some white people that pretended the Governor ordered for cutting off Chestowee That M<sup>r</sup> Long had some difference w<sup>th</sup> an Euchoo Indian who had pulled some of his hair

That y<sup>e</sup> french Indians frequently molested Euphase Town

That itt lookt suspicious that y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> letter to Capt<sup>r</sup> Card was detained behind the Mountains till y<sup>e</sup> Euchoo were cut off That he was informed by M<sup>r</sup> Dillon y<sup>e</sup> Euchoo before the disturbance killed one Cherikee

That M<sup>r</sup> Dillon also told him y<sup>e</sup> Indians related that M<sup>r</sup> Long told them the Govern<sup>r</sup> had ordered the Euchoo to be cut off That Partridge did not consent to act against Chestowee because there was no order from the Governor

That M<sup>r</sup> Long and as he thinks M<sup>r</sup> Wigger told him there would be a brave parcel of Slaves if Chestowee were cut off That the Cherikoo voluntarily paid what debts were due to Long & Wigger from the people of Chestowee after they were cut off

That an Indian told M<sup>r</sup> Wigger y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Long said y<sup>e</sup> Euchoo should be cut off before green Corne time

Ordered that itt be refered till the Agent comes down.

Signed an Order to Mr. Geo. Hadarell for twenty-eight Pound.

Adjurned.

May 4, 1714

[87] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Col. Geo. Logan, Henry Wigington, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Mr. Benja. Clea being sworn said he heard Capt. Card say there was a Design among the Cherikees to cut off Chestowee 10 Dayes before the said Town was cut off, and that the Cherikees designed to invite the Eucheas to a Ball Play in order to cut them of. That he heard from Mr. Dillon that the Indians gave an Account of some white People that pretended the Governour's Order for cutting off Chestowee. That Mr. Long had some Difference with an Euche Indian who had puled of sum of his Hair.

That the French Indians frequently molest Euphase Town.

That itt loockt suspitious that the Governour's Letter to Capt. Card was detained behind the Mountains till the Eucheas were cut off. That he was informed, by Mr. Dillon, the Euches before the Disturbance killed one Cherikee.

That Mr. Dillon also told him the Indians related that Mr. Long told them the Governour had ordered the Eucheas to be cut off. That Partridg did not consent to act against Chestowe because there was no Order from the Governour. That Mr. Long and, as he thinks, Mr. Wiggen told him there would be a brave Parcel of Slaves if Chestowe were cut off. That the Cherikees voluntarily paid what Debts were due to Long and Wiggen from the People of Chestowee after they were cut off. That an Indian told Mr. Wiggen that Mr. Long said the Euche should be cut off before green Corne Time. [88] That he heard John Chester say he heard G. Sheld declare he heard Long say he would be revenged of the People of Chestois. That Mr. Long and Wiggen[']s] Cargo was £320 but their Debts helped to purchase the Slaves.

George Sheel being examined upon Oath relating to the cutting of Chestowee declares that he heard Mr. Long say he would doe his Endeavour to gett the Eucheas cut off.

The Coosata King complains that he sent by the Perswation of Capt. Hastings seven Slaves from North Carolina by Col. Macky and expected them to be left att Mr. John Stanyarn's but can hear Nothing of them.

Capt. Hastings attended the Board and acknowledged to have sent the said Slaves and that he was ready to make Satisfaction.

Ordered that Capt. Hastings doe pay to the Coosata King and his two People two hundred Skins for Each of the five Slaves and sixty Skins for Each of the two small Ones and that the Agent be desired to see the same paid.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight of the Clock.

May 5, 1714

[89] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Richd. Beresford, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. John Musgrove.

James Douglas being examined upon Oath declares that about two Yeares agoe he heard sum grumbling against the Eucheas, but Nothing about War; that the Indian Chief Men promist Mr. Hughs not to molest the Eucheas till the Agent came but as soone as Mr. Hughs was gon, the Town was cut off; that this Deponent was informed by Mr. Sheel that Mr. Long told him he would be revenged on the People of Chestowe; that there was a great Difference between Long and some People of Chestowe. That forreign Enemies very often infest Euphse; that he saw the Governor's Order to Capt. Card to treat the Eucheas civily come from Mr. Long after the Eucheas were cutt of.

That he heard Mr. Clee say that Mr. Wiggon and Long told him there would be a brave Parsell of Slaves if Chestowe were cut off; that he heard the Cherikees paid the Debts due to Long and Wiggen from the Eucheas, that he beleves the Cherikees would not have cut off the Eucheas if they had been expressly ordered to the Contrary.

Capt. Robt. Card being duly examined upon Oath declared that he heard Mr. Wiggon and Long before Chestowe was cut off say they would endeavour to gett the Governour's Order for cutting off Chestowe; that itt was a publick Report that Mr. Long shoold say he would have some of the Eucheas' Heads on a Pole, that he heard Flint say he had an Order for cutting off Chestowe, that he heard there was a Difference between Mr. Long and one or two of the Eucheas. [90] That the Governor's Order to this Deponent about treating the Eucheas civily was not sent from behind the Hills till Mr. Hughs brought itt after the Eucheas were cut off.

That the Indians said they were told by the white People since Chestowe was cut off they ought to goe cut off the other Eucheas att the Savano Town too, or elce there would be no Travalng. That he beleves the Traders behind the Hils might have hindered Chestowe from being cutt off. That he heard Mr. Wiggon and Long say if they could bring itt to bear to be cut of Chestowe there would be a brave Parsell of Slaves. That the Cherikees declared they were urged by the white People behind the Hills to cut off the Eucheas att the Savano Town.

Stephen Trumbull being examined upon Oath declares that he heard John Chester say he heard Mr. Long say att Mr. St. Julian's he would never lett the Cherikees rest till he had Satisfaction against the Eucheas and gott them cut off; that there was formerly a Difference between Mr. Long and the Eucheas. That he heard the 2d Warriar of Echote say there was a Letter come from the Governor to cut of Chestowe.

Eleazer Wiggen being examined upon Oath declares that the Cherikees were dissatisfied for the Loss of some of their People and for that Reason cut off Chestowe. That he heard from some white People that Mr. Long said

he would never rest till the Eucheas were cut off; that 2 or 3 Year agoe there was a Difference between Mr. Long and one or two People of Chestowe about Debts, that he hath heard Mr. Long say if itt pleased God to spare his Life, he would come up with them.

That Flint and Cæsar said if the Governour would not give Leave they would cut of the Eucheas themselves.

[91] That Partridg opposed cutting off Chestowe. That he heard Partridg say that Mr. Long told an Euche Indian that his Town shoold not stand till green Corn Time. That he knew of no white Man that instigated the Cherikees to cut off the Eucheas att Savano Town.

Mr. Alexa. Long, being examined upon Oath, declares that he was abused by some Eucheas and his hair torn off 2 or 3 Year agoe. That the Cherikees of their own Accord provided to goe against the Euches; that the Cargo betwixt Long and Wigon was £300. That this Deponent and his Partner received one Woman and five Children from the Cherikees for Debts due from the People of Chestowe.

Partridg being examined by the Interpretation of James Douglas upon Oath declares that he was hunting when Chestowe was cut off.

Ordered that the Euche People that are detained by Mr. Benja. Clee, Elea. Wigon, Gar. Dillon, Alexa, Long, James Duglas, Lawrence Richeson or any other white Men shall with all convenient Speed be delivered to their own People and that they shall receive no farther Satisfaction from the Eucheas for them.

Mr. Henry Hartford being examined upon Oath declares that he heard some Cherikees say they were incited by Mr. Long to cut of the Eucheas.

The Question being put whether Mr. Long was instrumentall in encouraging the Cherikee Indians to cut of the Eucheas. Upon considering the Evidence itt is the Opinion of the Board that he is guilty.

The Question being put whether Mr. Wigon was also concerned in encouraging the Cherikees to cut off the Eucheas, carried in the Affirmative.

[92] Ordered that Mr. Alexa. Long and Mr. Elea. Wigon have their Licences taken from them and that their Bonds be prossecuted and that the President doe desire the Governour to order them to be prossecuted att the Sessions.

Mr. Henry Hartford upon Oath said that severall Indians told him Mr. Long showed them a Paper and said itt was the Governour's Order to cut off the Eucheas.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight of the Clock.

*May 6, 1714*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., and Mr. John Guerard.

Landgrave Tho. Smith appearing att the Board to answer to his employing Traders to the Northward without Licences said that he traded without the Limmitts of the Government and that he would defend itt.

Ordered that Landgrave Smith be informed that they shall be prossecuted for trading without Licences.

Landgrave Smith desired his Counsel might be heard for him.

Ordered that he be heard in the Afternoone.

Mr. Card being sworn to interprit for the Indians. Partridg being asked if he heard that any of the white Men encouraged the cutting off Chestoowa sayes that Mr. Long told him that he had a Paper from the Governour [93] which ordered them to cut off the said Town; being asked if the white Men had endeavoured to prevent their cutting of Chestoowa said that None of the white Men had used any Indeavour to prevent itt; being asked if they had not promist Mr. Hughs to stay till the Agent's coming to reconcile the Difference with the People of Chestoowa, said that he was in the Woods a hunting but that he was told that one of the Eucheas was att Long's House before the Town was cut off for Powder and that Long put Powder behind him and sett fier to itt and blew him up.

That when Flint and Cæsar came up they would not acquaint the Lower Townes with their Design becaus they shoold not come in with them for a Share.

Skiacasea sayes that the War Captain of Euchase, Flint, and Cæsar, and one or two more att the Middle Settlements contrived the cutting off the Eucheas and kept itt very private till they came near the Town and then painted with a Design to fall on them and that Mr. Long gave a Quantity of Powder and Bullets to Cæsar and Flint to cut them off.

James Douglas said that the Eucheas killed their own People in the War House to prevent their falling into the Hands of the Cherikees.

Mr. Clee prodest a Letter from Mr. St. Julian to said Clee dated the 7th October wherein he informs him that the Governor seemed pleased with the Eucheas being cut off and that he knew no Reason why the Prisoners shoold not be Slaves.

Ordered that the Agent take care that Francis Ryal, a French Deserter from Mobele and now a trading att the Albamas, be sent down.

[94] Ordered that the Agent send down Juan Rodorigo, a Portugese now att the Yamassees.

Ordered that the words (without Liberty from the Assembly or Commissioners) be raz't out of the Traders' second Instruction.

Signed an Order to Capt. Brewinton for twenty-fower Pound.

Adjurned till Tomorrow nine of the Clock.

May 7, 1714

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Mr. John Guerard.

Mr. Trumbull attended and acquainted the Board that since the Agent came away the Indians had been perswaded to desert Euphase Town. And being asked if any white Men had any Hand in perswading them to remove said that Mr. Long had been the Cause of itt as the Indians told him.

Read a Letter from Mr. Fancoart complayning of Mr. Hartford's stopping his Burtheners and taking their Flower from them.

[95] Schiagunsta being examined said he was there and saw Mr. Hartford stop fouer Indians with Flower that they might carry his Skins. Mr. Hartford being charged therewith said that he had stopt fouer Indians with Corn for Mr. Yeamans but denied that he had stopt any belonging to Mr. Fancoart.

Partridg being called said the People have left Euphase all but six Houses; that Mr. Long said that the Warriars were ould Women and that he was going down to the Governor and that he would have them cut off as the Eucheas had been.

Mr. Douglass said he heard that Mr. Long had been att their Houses to gather Meat and Oyle and not getting itt was the Cause of his threatning them. Adjurned till further Summons.

May 20, 1714

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, Henry Wigington, Esq., and Mr. John Guerard.

Mr. St. Julian appeared and delivered up the Licences of Mr. Alexa. Long and Mr. Eleazer Wigan, and desired that as he had delivered up the Licences that he might have his Bonds given him up, but was told that the Bonds allways remained with the Secretary.

[96] Mr. John Wright complained against John Jones for buying two Tuscorora Slaves from a Coweta Indian att the Apalatas before they had been three Dayes in their Townes. Evidences: Jethro Betteridg and his Wife, Roger Saunders, James Glenhead, Tho. Cutler, J. Wright. The said Jones bought a Slave Girl of a Chatahooche Indian coming from the Tuscorora War att the Toomela Town. Evidences: Betteridg, Jno. Hall, Crafford, &c.

That Mr. Dickson trades without a Licence.

That Mr. Probert sends his Slaves to War in contempt of the \_\_\_\_\_. Evidences: Wm. Morgan, Richd. Gower, Peter Scarlet, Joseph Crosly, Roger Hoskins and Capt. Jno. Woodward.

That Ingetange complains that Sheppy Allen bought of him severall Slaves and never paid him and that severall Indians are indebted to the said Allen; therefore prays that he may have Satisfaction from them. But that the said Allen had made over his Debts to Glenhead, then to Hilden and 'tis said that Mr. Mackey now demands his Debts as assignne from Allen.

Egabugga complains that John Cochran gott a Note of Capt. Mackey's for fower Hunderd Skins from him for 80 Skins and that Capt. Mackey gott a Slave from him and has not paid him.



Mr. Wright also complained that the Agent had given Leve to the Yamasse Traders to gett in their Debts without Licences, under which Pretence they still trade.

Mr. Wright complained that Mr. John Jordine has set up a Punch Hous for the Indians att Capt. Cochran's Point and that he has no Licence.

Signed an Order to Mr. Wm. Blomier for seven Pound five Shillings.

One to Mr. Tho. Barton for nine Pound.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*June 9, 1714*

[97] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Richd. Berresford, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., and Henry Wigington, Esq.

Upon the Complaint of the Pocotaligo King writt the following Letter to Mr. Saml. Hilden.

Mr. Hilden,

Complaint being made before us by the Pocotaligo King that you unreasonably charge him with being indebted to you a Slave and thretning to take one from him by Force and desiring our Directions in that Matter,

We doe hereby order that you doe desist from any such violent Proceeding, that you refer your Pretences in that Matter to this Board till the Allegations on boath Sides be heard and either determined by us or the Agent unless in the mean Time you come to an amicable Agreement between yourselves.

Charles Hart, Presdt.

Richd. Berresford

Ralph Izard

Saml. Eveleigh

Hen. Wigington

*June 18, 1714*

[98] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Wm. Rhett, and Hen. Wigington, Esq.

Read a Letter from Mr. John Pight to the Hon. Hous of Commons complaining of the Commissioners' doing him Injustice.

Also read the Order of the Commons ordering the Commissioners to attend and justify themselves.

Resolved that this Board will prosecute the said Pight for his scandalus Reflections on them.

Read an Order of the Hous of Commons requiring this Board to recall an Order for bringing down Francis Ryall.

Ordered that the President doe desier the Governour to lay the Letter lately intersepted from the Governour of Mobeles to Francis Ryal before this Board.

Adjurned till further Summons.

August 31, 1714

[99] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Iazard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, Col. Wm. Rhett, and Richd. Berrisford, Esq.

Read the Agent's Letters of the 30th June and 6th August and also the Agent's Journall from the 20th Febr. to the 12th of July past. And also a Letter from John Dicson dated the 7th June last.

Ordered upon the reading the Agent's Letters and Journall Mr. John Wright's Bond be put in Suitt for his having carried Rum among the Indians contrary to Law and the Attorney Generall was ordered to prosecute the same.

Ordered that the Portugese and Spaniard belonging to Mr. John Wright be sent for by a Warrant for having broke open the Pocotalligo King's Hous and taking thence a Hogshead of Rum seized by the Agent.

A Motion being made to choose a Commissioner in the Roome of Mr. John Guerard, deceased,

Resolved that Mr. Benja. Goddin be a Comissioner in the Roome of the said Mr. Guerard, deceased.

Col. Parris desired that the Agent might be required to cause Mr. Abraham Pearce and Mr. Richd. Gower to pay him eighty-nine Pound, fifteen Shillings and nine Pence due to him on Bond.

Ordered that the Secretary doe desier the Attorney Generall to proced against the Goods of Mr. John Wright seised att Dawfusky.

Ordered that the following Letter be writt to the Agent:

[100] Charles Town, the 31st Aug., 1714

Sir,

We have yours of the 30th June and 6th Instant and also your Journall from the 20th February to the 12th July last which we have read and observe how Mr. Wright carries up Rum contrary to Law, upon which he have ordered his Bond to be sued and the Attorney Generall has arested him accordingly. We expect you shoold take Care to have the Evidences down to proove itt. We have also ordered the Spaniard and Portugese to be indighted for taking the Rum out of the King's Hous. Col. Parris makes Complaint that Mr. Abraham Pearce and Mr. Richd. Gower owes him on Bond [£]89.15.9 which we desier you would take care is paid or send them down to him. We are of Opinion you shoold have staved the Rum and not have put itt in any Hous to have given them the Opertunity to have gott itt away.

We are, Sir,

Your humble Servants,  
Charles Hart, Presdt.

The Secretary acquainted the Board that almost all the Traders were without Licences and that if the Commissioners thought fitt he would prosecute them for the same.

Ordered that this Board doth approve of the said Prosscution and that they will assist the said Secretary in the same.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*November 11, 1714*

|101| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Mr. Benjamin Goddin having been chosen a Commissioner in the Roome of Mr. John Guerard, deceased, appeared att the Board and refused to take the Oath to quallify himself as a Commissioner.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight of the Clock.

*November 12, 1714*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Dorcas complained by Mr. Stephen Allen that Mr. Probert had sent an Indian Man to take a Slave Woman named Saluma from her which she had had for tenn Year.

Mr. Wright being asked what he knew of that Matter said that he had severall Times endeavored to try Dorcas's Title to the said Woman but that she had alwayes kep her out of the way till he seized a Slave Man of Dorcas' upon which she produst her and promist to goe to Savana Town to have itt ended, but upon the Way the Slave made her Escape and Dorcas never came to make Good her Clame.

Mr. Smallwood delivered to be read the Examination of Emanuell, an Indian taken by Price Hughs, Esq., |102| who saies the Slave Woman was taken by Paul, an Indian, and that he doth not know that she was given by him to the Ilcombe King. Upon hearing the Matter and all the Evidences not being down.

Ordered that itt be refered to be determined by the Agent att his next going up, and that itt is the Opinion of this Board that these Matters are to be determined by the Agent and not by the Commissioners, but only by Appeale.

Adjurned till the 18th Instant.

*November 18, 1714*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, Henry Wigington, Esq., and Saml. Eveleigh, Esq.

Arther Middleton, Esq., was unanimous chosen a Commissioner in the Roome of Mr. John Guerard, deceased, and tooke the Oath of a Commissioner accordingly.

Drawn an Answer to Mr. Pight's Letter to the Speaker of the House of Commons to be laid before the Honourable House of Commons.

Adjourned till Tomorrow 8 of the Clock.

November 19, 1714

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Ordered that the Secretary carry the following Message to the Honourable House of Commons: |103|

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen

The Board of Commissioners of the Indian Trade are ready and prepared to give in their Answer to Mr. Pight's Letter against them when the House is pleased to receive the same.

To the Honourable the Speaker  
and the Rest of the Honourable  
the Members of the House of  
Commons.

Charles Hart, President  
Saml. Eveleigh  
Geo. Logan  
Ra. Izard  
Hen. Wigington  
John Musgrove

The House of Commons returned the said Message by their Messenger 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 Commissioners went and delivered in the following Answer to Mr. Pight's Letter.

To the Honourable the Speaker and the Rest of the Honourable Members of the House of Commons.

The Answer of the Honourable the President and the Rest of the Commissioners of the Indian Trade to the false and scandalous Letter of John Pight, Indian Trader, to the said House.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen

We can doe no less than acknowledg the Justice of the House of Commons in ordering a Cobby of that falce and scandalous Letter of Mr. John Pight, highly reflecting upon the President and Commissioners of the Indian Trade to be laid before our Board and thereby giving us the Opertunity of Vindicating ourselves from such odious Callumnies and 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 which we have just perused suffitiently proves the Justice of our proceedings in the Case of the said Pight and Capt. Musgrove against whom he complained and evidently shewes how little Reason Mr. Pight hath to upbraid and charge our Board with Injustice and Partiality.

|104| Mr. Pight has been soe hardy, not to give itt a Term itt much more deserves to assure the Honourable House of Commons that as well a former

Agent as the present Agent, Capt. Nairne, had sent an Order to the Commissioners of the Indian Trade for the Delivery of an Indian Boy wrongfully detained from him, as he pretends, by the said Capt. Musgrove. We can positively assure your Honours no such Order ever came to us, and upon Examination of Capt. Nairne, he utterly denies that he either made or gave such an Order.

This main Charge and Allegation of Mr. Pight's against the Commissioners appearing thus audaciously False in Fact, and this being the whole of his Charge, for with Submission we think it neither agreeable to Law or Reason, nor is it possible to answer Generals. The Commissioners are humbly of Opinion if they have erred in this Affaire betwixt the said Pight and Capt. Musgrove, that Error has been very favorable on the Part of the Former, for upon the Complaint which Mr. Pight made to us against Capt. Musgrove about the Boy aforesaid to this Board we immediately proceeded in the Presence of Mr. Pight to question Capt. Musgrove what Pretence he had to the said Boy who justified his Right to him, having bought him of Mr. Wm. Steed.

This put the Board upon sending an Order for the said Steed, which we beg Leave to take Notice to your Honours was such a Stretch of Power in Mr. Pight's Favour, that would have silenced any Person of more Modesty from complaining of the Injustice of the Commissioners.

For Nothing is more obvious than that the Commissioners have no Power by the Indian Trading Act to order the Indian Boy aforesaid to either the contending Parties aforesaid, and then Nothing can be more Rediculous than that the Agent should direct an Order to the Commissioners to determine a Matter they had not the least Cognizance of or Authority to decide, not to mention the Absurdity of the Matter as if the Agent should have a commanding or directing Power over the Commissioners.

We presume now to inform your Honours how the Whole of the Matter stands between Mr. Pight and Capt. Musgrove about the Indian Boy as it has been made appear to us. This Boy in Dispute formerly occasioned a Suit at Law between Mr. Steed before mentioned and Mr. Pight, and after some Contest the Difference and Right to the said Boy was submitted to Major Evans and Mr. Wigington who decreed or awarded him to Mr. Steed, and some Time after, Mr. Steed sold the Boy to Capt. Musgrove |105| as by a Bill of Sale for that Purpose appears.

We therefore submit to your Honours' Judgment 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 Honours' Justice we have no Room to doubt our publick Vindication from you, whom we depend upon for doing us that Justice against the said Mr. Pight as may encourage us to stand by the Indian Trading Act purchased and procured with so much Difficulty by your Predecessors and so apparently advantageous for the Good and Safty of Carolina. However, the Law is now vilified and ridiculed by the said Pight who has severall Wayes rendered himself obnoxious to it by trading without a Licence and committing other Things against the said Law for which this Board has ordered him to be prosecuted.

Charles Hart, President

The Board having received Information that Roger Hosken had been guilty of great Indecencies to the Agent, the said Roger Hosken was sent for and severall Persons sworn to prove itt. He acknowledged being in Drinck, begged Pardon and promised to behave himself better for the Future. The Board gave him a severe Repremand, told him itt was in their Power to take away his Licence which would ruin him, and that if he was guilty of the Like again he must expect itt.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight of the Clock.

*November 20, 1714*

|106| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Capt. John Musgrove.

Took Informations against Mr. John Wright.

Adjurned till Tuesday next.

*November 23, 1714*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., and Capt. John Musgrove.

Took Informations against Mr. John Wright.

Mr. Wm. Blomier having declined the Place of Messinger to this Board, they chose Mr. Whitter their Messinger in his Roome.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight of the Clock.

*November 24, 1714*

|107| Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Ralph Izard, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Capt. John Musgrove.

The Agent attended and gave in the following Trader's Bonds obliging them to take out Licences, viz., from

1	Richd. Gower	2	Edward Griffin
3	Cornelius LeMott	3	Charles Nicols
4	Henry Evans	4	Tho. Barton
5	Roger Hoskins	5	Joseph Crossly
5	Antho. Probert	6	Tho. Welch
6	James Lucas	7	Fran. Ryall
7	Wm. Morgan	8	Peter Scarlett
9	Wm. B. Brett	9	John Graves
9	Wm. Bannister	9	Charles Pierce
10	John Jones	11	James Lucas
12	Jethro Bethridg	13	Joseph Cundy
14	Roger Saunders		

Adjurned till Friday 9 of the Clock.

November 26, 1714

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Ralph Izard, Esq.

Attended the House of Commons upon the Matter of Mr. Pight's Letter and Mr. Pight being allowed Councill to make itt appear that itt was in the Power of the [108] Commissioners by the Act to determin the Difference between Mr. Pight and Capt. Musgrove relating to an Indian Boy upon which the Commissioners mooved that they might have Time till tomorrow Morning to prepare Councill to argu itt.

And the Commissioners sent for Mr. Alline to instruct him in the same.  
Adjurned.

December 1, 1714

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Henry Wigington, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Richd. Berisford, Esq.

Drew up and read an Answer to the Letter of Mr. John Wright to the House of Commons. Read the Answer to the House of Commons relating to Mr. Pight.

Adjurned till Tomorrow 8 of the Clock.

December 2, 1714

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Henry Wigington, Esq.

Attended the House of Commons.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight of the Clock.

December 3, 1714

[109] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Henry Wigington, Esq.

Capt. Nairne, the Agent, gave in his Journall to the Board and also Coppys of Letters to the Governor and Counsell.

Attended the House of Commons relating to Mr. Pight.

And also delivered an Answer to Mr. Wright's Letter to the House of Commons.

And also a Charge against the said Wright.

Adjurned till Tomorrow 8 of the Clock.

*December 4, 1714*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Henry Wigington, Esq.

Attended the House of Commons.

Adjurned.

*December 14, 1714*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Col. Geo. Logan, and Henry Wigington, Esq.

The Secretary was sworn to the Copsy of the Indian Trading Act.

Signed an Order to Mr. Henry Seamour for fifty Pound fiveteen Shillings.

One to Capt. Miles Brewton for eight Pound 5/6.

|110| One to Mr. Tho. Barton for eight Pound.

One to Mr. Wm. Blomier for two Pound five Shillings.

One to Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Whitter for one Pound fiveteen Shillings.

Adjurned till further Summons.

*April 12, 1715*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: The Hon. Charles Hart, Esq., *President*, Ralph Izard, Esq., Saml. Eveleigh, Esq., Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Arther Middleton, Esq., and Henry Wigington, Esq.

Mr. Saml. Warner said that the Palachocola Indians told him that the Creek Indians were dissatisfied with the Traders that ware among them, per-ticularly John Jones, and that they had made severall Complaints without Redress and that they said upon the first Afront from any of the Traders they would down with them and soe goe on with itt.

Mr. Wm. Bray said that being gon towards St. Augustine after some of his Slaves, a Yamasse Indian came to his Wife and told her he had a great Matter to tell her, which was that the Creek Indians had a Design to cut of the Traders first and then to fall on the Settlement, and that itt was very neare, but that he had a great Love for her and her two Sisters and when itt was very near he would come again and when he came next they must goe immediately to their Town.

That Mr. Saml. Warner immediately procede with the Governor's Order to the Yamasse and Palachocola Townes and from thence procede to the Creek and acquaint them to send some of their Head Men to meete att the Savanna Town with some sent by this Goverment to inquire into their Grievances.

Adjurned till further Summons.



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# JOURNAL OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE INDIAN TRADE

1710-1715

*Wednesday, September 20, 1710*

By Virtue of an Act of Assembly for regulating the Indian Trade and making itt safe to the Publick,<sup>1</sup> a Board of Comissioners mett for transacting the Buissenes of the said Act. Held att Charles Town the 20th September 1710.

PRESENT: Ralph Izard, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbey, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Mr. John Raven, and Mr. James Ingerson.

Col. Wm. Rhett was chosen and sworn a Comissioner as the Act directs. Adjurned till 2 a'Clock in the Afternoone.

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Mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Ralph Izard, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbee, Col. Wm. Rhett, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., and Mr. John Raven.

The Comissioners chose Mr. James Ingerson Secetary for transacting the Buissiness of the Indian Trade in the Room of Mr. Wm. Smith, deceased.

Mr. John Guerard was chosen and sworn a Comissioner.

Ordered that Mr. John Wright, Agent, doe send for the Appalachia from his House to attend this Board tomorrow Noone.

Adjurned till tomorrow Morning nine a'Clock.

*Thursday, September 21, 1710*

The Board mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Ralph Izard, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbee, Mr. John Raven, Mr. John Guerard, and Col. Wm. Rhett.

Col. Hugh Grainge was chosen and sworn a Comissioner.

The Apalachia Indians appeared and complains by Cockett, the Interpreter, who was sworn.

The Board ordered that Ventusa, an Appalachia Indian, and his Wife are to continew as free People till Phillip Gilliard by a Hearing before the Board can prove the Contrary.

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<sup>1</sup>The act referred to here was passed July 19, 1707; the text is printed in Thomas Cooper, ed., *The Statutes at Large of South Carolina* (Columbia, 1837), II, 309-16.

[2] Massony, another Indian of the Appalachias, to be free till Capt. Musgrave can make it other Ways appeare.

Diego, an Appalachia Indian, to continew free till Richd. Edghill prove otherwise.

Wansella, an Ellcombe Indian, is ordered to be a free Man till Mr. John Pight can prove him a Slave by any Order from the Government.

Coloose, a free Indian Woman given Mr. Pight by their own People, the Commissioners think itt unreasonable for her to be a Slave and doe order her to be free.

The Apalachia Indians desire that their People may be restrained from leaving their own Town and goeing to reside at the Assapallago Town.

They complain against Capt. Musgrove that he went this Spring to their Town and demanded Indians to goe and hoe his Corn and if they did not answer his Demands he would beat them.

Jess Crosley, a Trayder, being jealous of a Whore of his, beat and abused an Apalachia Indian Man in a barbarous Manner and also bete Jno. Cocket till he spitt Blood, for onely desiring him to forbear beating the Indian.

Ordered that Jno. Wright, Esq., Agent, doe forthwith issue out his Warrant to take the said Crosley and have him brought before the Comissioners to answer to such notorious Abuses as he has committed amongst the Indians.

Phillip Gilliard, a Trader, took a young Indian against her Will for his Wife, and cruelly whipped her and her Brother for accepting a few Beades from her, to the great Greife of the Indians there present. One Carpenter justifies [*sic*] that the said Gilliard made a Woeman drunk with Rum and locked her up from her Mother, offering to kill the Mother becaus she would not leve her Daughter behind her.

The Board adjurned till tomorrow Morning 8 a'Clock.

*Friday, September 22, 1710*

Mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Ralph Izard, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbee, Col. Wm. Rhett, Col. Hugh Grange and Mr. John Guerard.

The Board ajurned sine Die.

*October 14, 1710*

A Board of Comissioners mett.

PRESENT: Ralph Izard, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbee, Col. Wm. Rhett, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., and Mr. John Guerard.

[3] Capt. Peter Slan was sworn a Comissioner according to the Act.

Ordered that Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Publick Receiver, doe forthwith give Mr. Henry Wigginton and Mr. Geo. Evans, each of them, five Pounds for a retayning Fee to put sundry Indian Traders' Bonds in Sute for not taking out Licences.

Delivered Mr. Evans a Bond dated the 5th September, 1709, in which is bound jointly and severally, viz., Capt. John Jones, Math. Smallwood, John Jones, Anthony Probat, James Lucas, Abra. Peirce, Joseph Crosley, Roger Hoskins, Allex. Clarck, Wm. Smith, Theophilus Hastins and Wm. Scarlett.

Delivered Mr. Evans another Bond dated 4th March, 1709/10, Jno. Smith bound.

The Board adjourned sine Die.

*October 28, 1710*

A Board of Comissioners mett.

PRESENT: Ralph Izard, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbee, Col. Wm. Rhett, Richd. Berresford, Esq., Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. Peter Slan.

Capt. Musgrove complains that the Creek Indians owe him for Part of 200 Lbs. Powder and 500 Lbs. Bullets ever since they went to War against the Chactaw Indians. Upon Enquirey and a full Hearing of the Kings being present at this Board, they find that Capt. Musgrove forced the said Powder and Bullets upon the Indians, for which the Indians made him reasonable Satisfaction for said Powder and Bullets as has been suffitiently made appear before this Board.

Ordered that the Indians, per the Interpreter, be acquainted therewith which was accordingly done and they dismissed very well satisfied.

Ordered that upon John Dixon, Charles Peirce, or James Alford, or any of them making Oath that they heard the Tomolla King declare Masoony a Slave, that then the said Indian be Capt. Musgrave's Slave; otherwise he is to have his Freedom.

And then the Board adjourned sine Die.

Jan. the \_\_\_\_\_ 1710/11. The Assembly thought fitting to appoint Col. Geo. Logan a Commissioner in the Roome of Ralph Izard, Esq., deceased.

*March 9, 1710/11*

[4] Att a Board of Commissioners of the Indian Trade mett att the Hous of Mr. James Ingerson.

PRESENT: Col. James Risbee, Mr. John Guerard, Richd. Berrisford, Esq., Col. Hugh Grange, Capt. John Abr. Motte, and Capt. Benja. Quelch chosen by the Commons House of Assembly in the Roome of Col. Rhett who quallified himself by taking the apointed Oath; then adjourned to Mr. Cooper's.

The said Commissioners finding themselves without a President occasioned by the Death of Ralph Izard, Esq., and upon Motion made of a President itt is agreed that Richd. Berrisford, Esq., be and is hereby declared the President of the Indian Trade.

Whereas Capt. Peterson being dispatched by the Hous of Commons with the Governor's Concent to bring into Charles Town severall Yamasee Traders and itt appearing that eight of the Traders which said Peterson brought to

Charles Town hath broke the Laws by trading without Licences, itt is therefore the Opinion of this Board that the Receiver give Orders to the Attorneys to prosecute the said Traders in order to recover the Arrears due to the Publick from them.

This Board, taking into Consideration the Agent's contineuing in the Settlement and the great Necessity of his going on his Agency, have agreed that Mr. Wright, the present Agent, gett himself ready to depart the Settlement and that he have Instructions to goe among the Yamosee Indians and sett out on Monday the ninetenth [*sic*] Instant to adjust the Differences and regulate Affairs with the said Indians and Traders.

The Agent making itt appear to this Board that several Traders have refused to execute severall Warrants by him given to be served, perticularly, viz., Wm. Canty, Son of Capt. Canty, Joseph Crosley, Trader, James Alford, and Benja. Cles and, having carried said Warrants to the Persons conserved, they contemptuously tore the same.

Ordered that the said Persons be prosecuted for said Contempt and that Mr. Receiver do immediately order the Attorneys to prosecute them accordingly.

[5] Upon reading a Letter of James Lucas who complains against Capt. Musgrove detayning two Slaves unjustly from him dated att Oakmalgoes, July the 12th, 1710;

Ordered that the Agent give the said Lucas Notice that he appear before the Commissioners who will hear his Case att his coming to Town.

On reading a Note from Capt. Fitch to Mr. Goer wherein said Fitch complains of some Appalacha Indians killing his Ram for which he stopt 2 guns, &c., ordered that Capt. Fitch deliver said Guns to the Agent and that he have from the Comissioners Sattisfaction for his Ram.

[March 10, 1710/11] On Satterday this 10th March, Mr. Wright, the Agent, received Instructions in two Sheets contayning twenty Paragraphs to prosede among the Yamasees &c., being signed by the President and five more of the Comissioners, which orders said Agent on his Agency on the 19th March; Mr. Wright's Instructions dated the 10th March, 1710/11, No. 1.

March 22nd, 1710/11. Received from John Wright, Esq., Agent, twenty-one Bonds for sundry Indian Traders to take out Licences:

Mr. Goer and Britt's	- - - - -	Bond
Wm. Cantey's	- - - - -	Do.
Natha. Cain's	- - - - -	Do.
John Pight's	- - - - -	Do.
Card's, Sheel's and Wiggin's	- - - - -	Do.
John Moore's	- - - - -	Do.
Richd. Price's	- - - - -	Do.
Trumbal's and Richardson's	- - - - -	Do.

Holford, Peirce and Giffen - - - - - Do.  
 Weaver and Chester - - - - - Do.  
 Graves and Cundy - - - - - Do.  
 Card and Weaver's Bond for three Indians that trade for them  
 Long, Thurston and Warrin's - - - - - Bond  
 Benja. Clee's - - - - - Bond  
 Cornelius leMott's - - - - - Bond  
 Wm. Bannister's - - - - - Bond  
 Dickson's Bond for the Time he traded without a Licence  
 Natha. Evans of Virginia, his Bond  
 Richd. Smith and Geo. Smith of Virginia, their Bond  
 David Crawly, John Evans and Richd. Jones of Virginia,  
 their Bond  
 Wm. Dettypoole, Tho. Edwards and Henry Tally of Virginia,  
 their Bond.

*April 14, 1711*

Att a Board of Comissioners mett in Charles Town.  
 PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbee, Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. Benja. Quelch.  
 |6| Upon Debate that Mr. John Wright, Agent, was (notwithstanding their late Order) still in the Settlement and that he had declared he would not perform a Letter Part of the said Orders, it is agreed Nemony Contra Decenta that the Publick Receiver be ordered and he is hereby ordered to fee a Lawyer to put in Execution Mr. Wright's Bond after such Manner as shall be thought most effectuall.

*April 17, 1711*

Att a Board of Comissioners mett.  
 PRESENT: Richd. Berisford, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbee, Col. Geo. Logan who quallified himself, Col. Hugh Grainge, Mr. John Guerard, and Capt. Benja. Quelch.  
 Read a Letter from John Cockett dated from the Archpellauga Town informing the Agent of the Kings wayting there for his Asistance in remooving their People to their respective Townes. This Board taking into Concoideration the Agent not putting in Execution the Orders and Instructions given him by a Board of Commissioners the 19th of March last past, and also of the Resolutions of a Board of Commissioners the 14th Instant Aprill ordering the Agent to be called to Account and his Bond put in Suitt against him. And upon hearing this Day Mr. Wright, the Agent's, Reasons upon his not proceeding according to Orders given him whose Reasons are as followeth: To be furnishing the Church att Goose Creeke with Materials for finishing the same; and some Part of his Time was taken up in persuing Negroes which robbed him, which we thought not suffitient Reason to stop him from his Agency. And for

Attonement of his Loss of said Time offers his Month's Salary to be and remain to the Use of the Publick.

And upon Consideration of the imediate occation of the Agent's goeing and being amongst the Yamosee Indians according to the Instructions given him, do imediatey order him on said Voyge and Journey to execute said Orders, on his giving new Bond to put said Powers given him in Execution according to the Act.

By Reason one of his Securities is already gon off and Col. James Risbee presently goeing to Jamaica; |7| Mr. Agent, being called and having the Opinion of the Board, answered that he would cease to be Agent.

Adjurned.

*April 20, 1711*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Col. James Risbee, Col. Hugh Grange, and Mr. Jno. Guerard.

Taking under Consideration Mr. Wright's Answer of cesing from his Agency if his Bond was put in Execution to avoyd the ill Consequence that may be committed during his, the said Agent's, Absence in the Indian Settlements and his Bond not to be found.

Therefore itt is resolved by this Board to desist from putting his Bond in Execution according to our former Resolution untill the Meeting of the next Assembly but to lay the Matters before them.

May the 12th, 1711. Delivered Maj. Evans Wm. Canty, Jr.[s] Bond to sue for not taking out Licence.

*May 30, 1711*

Att a Board of Comissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berisford, Esq., *President*, Col. James Risbee, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. John Guerard, and Mr. John Raven.

Received from John Wright, Esq., Agent, a Letter from the Pocotallagua Town dated the 14th May, 1711. After Perusall of which Letter the Board thought fitt to send the said Agent the following Letter.

Charles Town, 30 May 1711

Sir,

We received yours dated from Pocotallagua the 14th May and another from Huspau the 21st, same Month, in Both which you tell us of the great Paines and Care you are obliged to take in the performing your Duty. We also take Notice of the |8| Difficulty you encounter to bring the headstrong, unruly Traders to Reason and which we think you will effectually doe by getting all their Bonds to take out Licences to trade in the same Form you sent those inclosed to us. We also take Notice of the many grievous Complaints you send us, perticulerly that of Capt. Peterson which we look on as the heyest [highest]

Crimes he could be guilty off [*sic*] and may assure yourself that we will seek all Means possible to have him punished according to the Nature thereof, you furnishing us with Proofs that he hath proceeded according to your Allegation. We also take Notice of Phillip Gilliard's Behaviour and hope you will loose no Time of sending Proofs of his Trading that we may procede accordingly.

And you may rest assured that we will doe all that lyes in us by assisting you to perform your Promise made to the several Kings. You mention of easing them of their Grievances, perticularly the white Men settling among them, and as we shall make itt our Endeavour to redress their Complaints; soe we doubt not, but as an Earnest thereof you will redress the ronged Pocotalligo Indian from Frazer if you find the Fact continew as you write itt us. We are but a bare Board and your Complants being of soe high and greivous a Nature as we with you beleve tends to the utter Ruin and Desolation of the Government if not timely prevented; we therefore thought fit to send you these in Answer and that we would have you proceed vigorously in the Defence of the Province by continuing among those Nations of Yamosee Indians till you have settled all Affairs between them and Traders, or till hear further from us, being that we have their Peace and Quietness most att Heart which we are sencible tends directly to the Peace and Tranquility of the Province; and when we are a full Board which we have apointed to meet on the 2d Tuesday in June and being soe got together, we shall take all due Care of proceeding vigorously to the destroying those groeing Evils that violently thretten us. That by keping the Traders at Peace and Amity with the Indians we may thereby purchase a firm and lasting Peace to this Province which is and shall be the Care and Studdy of, Sir,

Your Freinds and Servants

June 13, 1711

[9] Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berresford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Col. Hugh Grange, Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. John Guerard, and Mr. John Raven.

Read 2 Letters from the Agent, Mr. Wright, att the Yamasees dated the 14th and 22nd May last upon which it is ordered that the President request the Cheif Justice Trott not to admitt Mr. Henry Wigington to be of Councill for the Indian Traders.

Ordered that Col. Grange and Capt. Quelch doe lay before the Assembly (now sitting) the two aforesaid Letters and desier their Resolutions as to the Affaire of Capt. Peterson during his Stay amongs the Yamossee Indians.

Adjurned.

July 26, 1711

Att a Board of Comissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Mr. Jno. Guerrard, Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, Mr. John Raven, Capt. Peter Slann, and Capt. Benja. Quelch.



Who finding themselves without a Secretary occasioned by the Death of Mr. James Ingerson, the late Secretary, and on thinking of a fit Person to officiate as Secretary to the Commissioners aforesaid, unanimously chose Mr. Thos. Barton there Secretary.

Ordered that the Books, Papers and Records relating to this Board be sent for from the late Secretary's, Mr. Ingerson. The which being brought and laid before the said Board, the which said Books, Papers and Records ware and is hereby immediately ordered into the Hands of the aforesaid Mr. Tho. Barton, the present Secretary, and Instructions given him to enter fairly in a Book the Transactions of said Board as well before as what may hereafter bee.

[10] A Motion being made by Mr. President that Mr. Wright being ready to attend according to an Order of the Hous of Commons; ordered that the said Mr. Wright doe now attend, and was imediately sent for. Mr. Wright appearing and being asked by Mr. President if he was ready to enter into Bond, answered he had not his Securities ready but would procure them against Satterday.

Adjurned till Tomorrow nine a'Clock.

July 27, 1711

Mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Richd. Berresford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Jno. Guerrard, and Mr. John Raven.

Upon reading a Letter from Mr. Jno. Wright, Agent, dated the 16th June, 1711 from Saupalau Town with Complants of several of the Traders. The said Mr. Wright being sent for and appearing, lay'd before the Board severall Bonds of the Traders to procure Licences to trade, viz.,

James Patteson, his Bond	Saml. Warner's	Bond
Even Lewis's	Do.	Nicho. Day's
Wm. Bray's	Do.	Do.
Saml. Hilden	Do.	Richd. Hacher's
George Wright	Do.	Do.
John Frazier's	Do.	Edwd. Nichols'
Danl. Callahan's	Do.	Do.
Wm. Ford's	Do.	Tho. Ayres'
Tho. Simond's	Do.	Do.
Tho. Seebrook's	Do.	Edmd. Ellis'
Alexa. Mackey's	Do.	Do.
		Alexa. Nicholas'
		Do.
		John Hogg's
		Do.
		Barnaby Gilbert
		Do.
		Capt. John Cochran's
		Do.

[11] And also gave Information of severall Cheif Men of the Yamossees which came down to make Complants against several Traders. Ordered that the said Indians doe now attend this Board, and also Mr. John Cockett and Mr. Wm. Bray to be Interpreters. The Indians and the two Interpreters accordingly attended and the Interpreters ware sworn and declares as follows:

That an Agent having bin sent up amongst them to redress their Greivances and to acquaint them that their Rum Debts shoold be forgiven them, they were come down to know if they might depend upon that Assurance. Mr. President answered that the said Agent was sent by this Board to redress their Grievances and had ordered with the Assembly that their Rum Debts shoold not be paid. Mr. President also acquainted the said Indians that itt was impossible att this Distance wholly to restrane the Traders from carrying up Rum and advised them to lay what Restraint they could upon their People to prevent their buying Rum from the Traders.

Mr. President acquainted the Indians that the Agent had Orders to inform them that they ware not obliged to pay their Relation[s'] Debts which they had no<sup>t</sup> ingaged for. And also advised the Indians to use their utmost Indevor to pay their just Debts and for the Future to take care not to run in Debt with the Traders. The Indians answered they were preparing to goe to War and a'hunting to pay their Debts. The Indians complained that several white Persons are setled within the Limitts of their Settlement, whereby the said Indians are damnified by the Stock of the white Men. Mr. President answered they shoold be protected in the |12| Possession of their Land and that those Persons who are setled within their Limitts shoold effectually be prosecuted. The Indians also acquainted this Board that they had further Complaints to make.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight a'Clock.

July 28, 1711

Mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Jno. Raven, Mr. Jno. Guerard, and Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte.

Mr. Agent appearing before this Board acquainted them that Capt. John Cochran had sold a free Indian Brother to Anto. Pussimy, then belonging to the Youhau Town, and that the Evidences were the said Agent, Mr. Wm. Magett and Wm. Bray.

Read a Letter from Mr. John Barnwell to the Board.

Ordered that Capt. John Cochran and Capt. Wm. Maggett be sent for. Mr. Cockett, Mr. Bray and the Indians were sent for and attended. And the Indians complained that Tho. Jones, John Whitehead, Joseph Bryan, Robt. Steale, John Palmer and Barnaby Bull are setled in the Limitts of their Land and desired they might be removed. The President answered that effectual Care shoold be taken to remoove them.

The Indians farther complained that Cornelius Macarty took away the Wife and Child of an Indian that was gon to War and that Geo. Wright took away a free Woman that had a Husband in Tomatly Town. Answered Care shoold be taken to right them.

Adjurned till 3 a'Clock in the Afternoon.

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Mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Richd. Berisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, Mr. Jno. Guerrard, Mr. Jno. Raven, and Capt. Benja. Quelch.

[13] Mr. Bray and Mr. Stephen Beadon were ordered to attend this Board, who attended accordingly. Mr. Bray was directed according to the Purport of his Bond to send to New York to bring back an Indian Woman and Child who had bin free and was sold thither by him.

The Pocotalliga King, being sent for and asked if he was desirous or willing that the white Men should goe to War with them, said they had rather goe without any white Person. The President advised the said King not to take any white Person to War with him without he had an Order from the Government.

Mr. Wm. Bray desiring (upon his taking out a Licence) to have his Bond delivered up, Mr. President acquainted him that there are several other Complaints against him which were not ended and that the Bond should remain till they were desided.

Mr. Stephen Beadon mooved this Board that his Bond might be delivered up to him and the Prosecution att Law against him might be stopt. The Board considering that there ware no Complaints against him, ordered that the said Beadon have his Bond delivered up and that the Process att Law against him be stopt.

Received a Petition by the Agent from severall Traders against Capt. Peterson. Ordered that the said Petition be refered to the next Sitting of the Commissioners. The Agent attended according to Order to give his Bond and was ordered to be ready against the next Sitting of the Commissioners.

Adjurned till Tuesday five a'Clock.

*July 31, 1711*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. Jno. Guerard, Capt. John Abr. Motte, and Mr. John Raven.

[14] Agreed that itt be an Instruction to be added to the Instructions given to the Indian Traders that no Slave be sold till they have bin three Dayes in their Town. And that the Traders receive no Rum Debts from the Indians nor Relations' Debts which were not promist which Promise shall be before the Head Men of the Town. That itt be an Instruction that the Traders doe sease the Slaves or Goods of any Person trading without a Licence.

According to the Order of the Day, the Agent appeared before the Board and informed them he was ready to enter into Bond with Securityes.

Resolved to take the same Tomorrow.

The Agent delivered in a Memoriall which was ordered to lay before the Board.

Adjurned till Tomorrow tenn a'Clock.

*August 1, 1711*

Att a Board of Commissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Beresford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, and Mr. Jno. Guerrard.

Mr. Stepen Beadon attending was called in, and being asked what he knew of John Frazier's beating the Tomatly King, the said Beadon said the common Report was that the said Frazier was apt to beat and abuse the Indians. Mr. John Frazier attended and desired his Bond might be given up to him. Mr. Hilden's Deposition against the said Frazier for his taking away a Slave from Cohassee and Cohassee's Complaint being read, and other Complaints being made by the Agent; resolved that the Bond be continewed till he shall clear himself of the said Complaints.

Ordered that the receiving the Agent's Bond be deferred till Tomorrow. Ad[j]urned till Tomorrow seven a'Clock.

*August 2, 1711*

|15| Att a Board of Comissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, Capt. Benja. Quelch, and Mr. John Guerrard.

Mr. Agent attended and took the Oath of Agent according to the Direction of an Act entituled an Act for regulating the Indian Trade.

The Agent mooved the Board to be asked upon Oath if he knew any Thing of his former Bond which is lost. Who, being accordingly sworn, declared that he knew Nothing directly nor indirectly of the said Bond nor had seen itt since he first sighned itt and that he was so far from making itt away that he never had itt in his Thoughts to cancell or any Way destroy itt.

Mr. Agent gave in his Bond for two hunderd Pound, and Maj. Geo. Evans and Mr. John Barnwell, his Securities, gave their Bonds for two hunderd Pound each.

Mr. Frazier being sent for and reprimanded for selling an Indian Boy which he was ordered to keep till the Difference about him was ended,

Ordered that in Order to have the Prosscution of his Bond for trading without a Licence stopt, he shoold enter into Bond with Securyty to the Publick Receiver for one hunderd Pound to discharge the Indians of their Rum and Relations' Debts, and to discharge the Indians before the Agent att such Place or Places as the Agent shall direct and that all the Yamassee Traders shall give the same Bond.

Adjurned till Tomorrow eight a'Clock.

*August 3, 1711*

|16| Att a Board of Commissioners mett by Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, Mr. Jno. Guerard, and Mr. Jno. Raven.

Ordered that the Memorial delivered by the Agent to this Board on the 31st of July past be layd before the Assembly att their Sitting.

Mr. Jno. Wright, the Agent, desiered the Board that Notice might be taken that he attended the Comissioners according to the Order of the House of Commons. This Board, being sencible that he did attend accordingly, or-

dered that the same be entered, and att the same Time gave the said Agent Orders and Instructions for his Agency as followeth:

Additional Instructions for the Agent, instead of the 4th Article of our last Instructions:

That you on Thursday the 16th of this Instant August set out on your Journey with all the Dispatch you can to the Yamossee Settlement and hear and determin all such Rongs and Injuries as are not yett determined; and to gett Bonds from al Traders that trade without Licences; and you are to inform the Yamossees and all other Indians where you shall come that they are not compeled to pay any Debts which have arisen from their traffikin and dealing with the Traders for Rum since the Date of the Indian Trading Law.

And whereas severall Traders pretend to have Rum Debts before the Date of the said Law you are diligently to make Enquiry into the Truth of their Pretentions and all such Debts as shall be proved before you, make a List thereof and send itt with all Expedition to us, with which lett us know the prime Cost of such Rum, and we will take a due Care to lay the same before the Assembly to obtain an Order on the [17] Publick to pay the Persons concerned with reasonable Advance. And having dispatched what you find neciary to be done there, you are to procede from thence by Way of the Palachuccalas to the Savanna Town and there dispatching what Matters shall come before you, you shall with all Expedition send Messages to the Wacsaw and Esaw and Cuttabau Indians, apointing the Head Men of those Nations to mete you at the House of Mr. Benja. Clea, then procede with the Head Men of the Savanna Nation to the House of the said Clea, where all Parties being meet, you are strictly to enquire into the Complaints lately made to this Government by the aforesaid Nations. The which if possible you are to determin and as near as may be to the Satisfaction of all Parties, and with an Account of that and all other your Proceedings, return into the Settlement and lay the same before us; and in Case you cannot satisfie all Persons in the Difference aforesaid, then bring them with you into the Settlement in order to have a Hearing before the Government, who having a generall Meeting about the Middle of October, use your utmost Endeavour to be down on or before the 20th of the same Month.

And if att any Place you shoold mete with any Virginia Traders you are to make them sencible that their late Pretentions are groundless whilst they trade without a Licence from this Government which if they doe not observe, you are to put the Act in force of the 25th June, 1711 by seizing their Goods. And whereas the 19th Article of your last Instructions appears to us to bee ineffectuall by Reason that no Encouragement is given to the Persons that put in force your Warrants and other Orders, it is therefore agreed by this Board that you agree with the Person or Persons employed to bring down Offenders to Charles Town for such Sum or Sums as you thinck resonable and draw upon us for Payment.

[18] Also agreed upon Instructions to be given to the Traders:

1st. That your Behaviour be such towards the Indians that they may have no Reason or Grounds of Complaint either of your Severy towards them

or your unreasonable Proceeding in letting your Horses and Hoggs destroy their Cropps, which is their generall Complaint, nor give them any Offence on any Account whatsoever.

2dly. That you neither directly nor indirectly carry up, give, sell, or any other Way dispose of, to and among the Indians any Rum or other Spiritts, and for the more effectuall Prevention of bringing up any Rum or Spiritts amongst the Indians, you are strictly charged, and we doe order you that you cause all Rum and Spiritts brought up by any Indian whatsoever *without Liberty of Rum the Assembly or Commissioners to*<sup>2</sup> be destroyed.

3dly. And whereas all Debts contracted for Rum or any other Spiritts whatever are contrary to Law, we doe declare all such Bargains, Sales, and Agrements voyd and of no Effect and doe strictly charge and command you that you doe not on any Pretence whatever demand any Pay or Satisfaction for any Debts soe contracted.

4thly. That you compell no Indian or Indians to pay their Relations' Debts any farther than they are possesst of the Effects of the Person deceased unless they have promist and engaged to pay the same in a publick Manner before the King or Cheif Men of the Town. Neither shall you compell any Town to pay any private Debts unless they are or have bin contracted by the Concent and Aprobation of the King and Cheif Men on any Account or Pretence whatsoever.

5thly. You shall not bargain, agree for, buy or purchase any Slave or Slaves, Skins, or Furs from any Indian or Indians but in their respective Townes and sell such Goods and Slaves [that] have ben three Dayes in the said Townes in their Owners' Possession; and if you shall presume to deale, trade or agree for such Slave or Goods contrary to the Meaning of this Instruction, such Agreement, Bargain and Sale is hereby declared voyd.

[19] 6thly. And if any Person or Persons shall bring any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever into any Indian Town or Settlement to traffick or trade with any Indian or Indians for any Slaves, Skins, or Furs without being qualified by a Licence as the Act directs, you are hereby impowered to seize such Goods or any Slave or Slaves, Skins, or Furs purchased by the said Persons. And either by giving your Receipt to the Person or Persons from whom the Goods or Slaves are seized, or by sealing up such Goods in the Presence of one or two white Evidences (to prevent Imbezlements for which you must be accountable) after which you shall with all convenient Speed give Notice to the Commissioners or the Agent, for the Time being, of your Sezure and sealing up as aforesaid and keep the same in your Custody till farther Orders from the Commissioners or the Agent.

7thly. That you from Time to Time and att all Times in your Journeys amongst the Indians advise and acquaint the Commissioners and the Agent of what shall come to your Knowledg of all Matters relating to the Safty of the Government and Trade.

<sup>2</sup>The words in italics here are expunged in the manuscript. It is most likely that they were not struck out until the board of commissioners gave an order to that effect during their meeting of May 6, 1714. The order may be referred to on page 56.

8thly. No Indian shall be deemed a Slave and bought as such unless taken in War, and even those taken in War and made free by their respective Masters when they have in them a Right and Property soe to doe shall be deemed free Men and Denizens of the said Nation.

9thly. You shall not permitt or allow any of your Slaves to goe to War on any Pretence whatsoever.

10thly. If you are a Person thought worthy by the Governour to bear his Commission in any Post, you shall not abuse itt by making Use thereof to promote your perticuler Interest with the Indians.

11thly. You shall not export or convey out of this Province any Skins or Furs or any Indian Slave or Slaves before you pay the Duty for the same as the Act directs; and if you intend to export any Indian Slave or Slaves, Skins or Furs by Land to Virginia or elcewhere out of this Province you shall then come down to Charles Town to enter the same and pay the Duty as the Act directs.

12thly. You are carefully to observe to carry yourself civilly and respectfully to the Agent.

[20] 13thly. And that you perform and keep all and singular the Instructions given you by John Wright, Esq., Agent, or the Agent for the Time being, provided they be not repugnant to the Law for that Purpose.

Mr. President, informing the Board that Col. James Risbee being gon of this Province, proposed the choosing a new Comissioner in his Roome, and Mr. Ralph Izard being proposed, itt was agreed that the said Mr. Ralph Izard be a Comissioner in the Roome of the said Col. James Risbee. And that the said Mr. Ralph Izard be acquainted theirwith in order to take his Place att said Board.

The Commissioners, not having drawn any Orders on the Publick for severall past Meatings, ordered the Secretary to call for the severall Accounts and upon bringing in the same, the Orders following were drawn on the Publick Receiver, viz.:

One to Capt. Miles Brewinton for one Pound

One to Mr. Blomier for seven Pound, twelve Shillings

One to Mr. John Hale for nineteen Pound

One to Tho. Barton for three Pound, tenn Shillings.

Agreed that the Orders of this Board be strictly observed and kept.

Adjurned to Wensday the 15th Instant.

*August 15, 1711*

Att a Board of Comissioners mett.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Mr. Jno. Guerrard, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Col. Hugh Grange, Col. Geo. Logan, and Mr. Henry Wiginton.

Ordered the Journall of the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 31st July to be read, [21] and ordered thereon that the severall Persons following, viz.; Tho. Jones,

John Whitehead, Joseph Bryon, Robt. Stele, John Palmer, Peter Hanes, Isaac De France, Wm. Bray and Barnaby Bull who are settled in the Limitts of the Yamosse Settlements be prossecuted att Law and also \_\_\_\_\_ Bellinger, a Deputy Survayer, for running out Part of the said Land. Also that Capt. John Cochran be prossecuted for selling a free Indian Man.

And that Mr. Henry Wigginton be desired to prossecute them and that the Secretary doe acquaint him therewith.

The President informing the Board of there being a Vacancy of a Commissioner occasioned by the Death of Capt. Jno. Abr. Motte, they chose Mr. Henry Wigginton a Commissioner in his Roome, who was accordingly sworn.

Ordered that the Agent enquire into Cornelius Maccarty's taking away the Wife and Child of an Indian gon to War. And also of George Wright's taking a free Woman that had a Husband in Tomatley Town.

The Agent attended and received his Instructions from the Board in order to his setting out on his Journey among the Indians. And the said Agent was desired to give in his Journals to the Board which he said he would send them in 14 Dayes.

Adjurned till Wensday the fifth of Sept. next.

*September 12, 1711*

[22] Att a Board of Commissioners met.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Mr. John Guerard, Henry Wigginton, Esq., and Mr. Ralph Izard, who being lately chosen by the Commissioners on the third Day of August last, was sworn according to the Directions of the Act for Regulateing the Indian Trade.

Read 2 Letters from the Agent of the 3d and 6th present and took an Abstract of the said Letters.

Read allso a Letter from Mr. Cockett praying the Commissioners to give him a Licence to trade.

Mr. Wm. Brett, being sent for and examined what he knew of the Savanas intending to desert this Goverment, said that Cundy, an Indian Woman and Wife to one of the Traders, reported that the Savanas intended to goe away, but that the said Savanas being charged therewith declared they had no such Desine and the said Brett said they had planted as much this Year as he had known them plant in any one Year.

Adjurned till Tomorrow 9 a'Clock.

*September 13, 1711*

Mett according to Adjurnment.

PRESENT: Richd. Berrisford, Esq., *President*, Col. Geo. Logan, Capt. Benja. Quelch, Henry Wigginton, Esq., Mr. Jno. Guerrard, and Mr. Ralph Izard.

Signed fifteen Licences and fifteen Instructions for Traders.



Read a Petition from Mr. Edmund Ellis praying to be discharged from the Prosecutions against him by Order of this Board. And the said Ellis being sent for was brought by Captain Neves, the Marshall, [23] and acknowledged his having sold Rum to the Indians as the Rest of the Traders had generally don, perticularly Capt. Jno. Cochran, Mr. Wm. Ford, Mr. Saml. Hilden and Mr. Nic. Day, whom he had seen sell Rum to the Indians. And also prayed the Comissioners, if they would not permitt him to return among the Indians, they would buy his Indian Debts.

Ordered that the List of his said Debts be laid before the Assembly at their next Sitting. And that Mr. President doe direct Capt. Neves to take Ellis's own Bond to appear to the Prosecutions ordered against him by this Board.

Writt a Letter to the Agent as followeth:

Charles Town the 13th Sept. 1711

Mr. Agent,

Yours of the 3rd and 6th Current are before us. We are Contious that if the deserted Savanos still continew to infest our Indians itt may be of very evill Consequence, and we are of Opinion that Matter has ben to long neglected; therefore itt must be your Care to use the most prudent Waies you can to put a Stop as well to any further Desertions of the Savanas as to prevent and take up any of those Nations or Others that shall att any Time come into our Towns, to tempt our People to desert; which will much depend upon your discreet Management who are upon the Spot, or may take better Measures, than we are capable to prescribe at this Distance.

The Yamassees will certainly mete with speedy Relief about their Lands, the Persons who are setled upon them being already alarmed att the strict Prosecutions, we are resolved to make in that Affair, and you may assure the Indians that they are not likely to be forgotten by us. We take Notice of what you write about Frazier and Simonds and will make itt our Buisness to prevent their Villanies for the Future.

Cochran shall be sure to have caus to repent his selling the free Indian, but having left the Manner of questioning him on that Matter to the Lawyers, itt will be their Part to be expeditious though at the same Time they shall not faile being spurred on by us to be quick in the Prosecution.

[24] No Bonds, you may assure yourself, shall be given up 'till you come down, and we continew of our former Opinion, that all effectuall Care be taken that the Act be complied with and the Intent of itt fully answered. We don't think itt requisite that the Traders be all brought down with you in October, the Attorney Generell not being in Town, we can't be informed whether the Prosecution can be made ready in that Time, so that to cause them to come down and to no Purpose, will give them Reason to complain. The Island against Aratamau Town, we will endeavour, shall be secured for the Indians and Saunders prevented from taking itt from them.