

Pamunkey Employment, Petition, 1711

To The Hon^{ble}. Alexander Spotswood
Her Maj^{ty}. Lt. Governor and Commander in Chief
of Virginia

Richard Littlepage of New Kent County
Humbly Sheweth

That by an Act of assembly made at a
Grand assembly held at James City by
Prorogation the 23^d day of March 1661.
Entituled; Acts Concerning Indians
amongst other things it is enacted that No
person of what Quality soever should enter-
tain any of the Neighbouring Indians as
Servants or otherwise without a Licence
first obtained from the Governor himself
and yo^r. Petitioner being willing to hire
Into his service One Indian Woman belonging
to the Pamunkey Town named Mary humbly
pray yo^r. hon^{ble}. Licence for the same; and
that your Hon^{ble}. would also grant him
a Licence for an Indian Man from the
said Town to Hunt for him, he being
willing to give his obligation to be answerable
for all the Injuries and Damages that the
said Indians shal do to the English according
to the Direction of the aforementioned Act
of assembly


And hee shal praye

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Whereas Richard Littlepage of the County of
New Kent Gent^l hath made Application to me for a Licence to
hire and employ one man of the Pamunkey Indians to hunt for
him, and also one Woman of the said Nation named Mary in the
nature of a hired Servant, and hath given bond to answer all
Damage the said Indian man shall do in his hunting to any of Her
Majesties Subjects:

These are therefore to Licence and permit the said Richard
Littlepage to hire and employ the said Indian man and Woman;
Provided that Whenever the Queen of Pamunkey shall recall them
or either of them, the said Richard Littlepage shall immediately
Dismiss them from his Service, and not harbour or entertain them
thereafter, without a new Licence, and the Consent of the said Queen
first obtained. Given under my hand this 23th day of October
1711.



Citation: Certificate of Alexander Spotswood, Oct. 25, 1711, Colonial Papers Digital Collection, Library of Virginia.