

Pamunkey Employment, Petition, 1711

Transcription

Richard Littlepage petition:

To the Hono'ble Alexander Spotswood Her Maj't's 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 Citty by Prorogation the 23d day of March 1661 Entituled; Acts Concerning Indians amongst other things it is Enacted that No person of what Quallity soever should entertain any of the Neighbouring Indians as Servants or otherwise without a Lycence first obtained from the Governor himself and Yor Petitioner being Willing to hire Into his service One Indian Woman belonging to the Pamunkey Town Named Mary humbly prays Yor hon'rs Lycence for the same; and that your Hon'r would also grant him a Lycence 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 he shall pray &c

Alexander Spotswood certificate:

Whereas Richard Littlepage of the County of New Kent Gent. hath made Application to me for a Licence to hyre and imploy one man of the Pamunky Indians to hunt for him, and also one Woman of the said Nation named Mary in the nature of a hyred Servant, and hath given bond to answer all Damage the said Indian man shall do in his hunting to any of her Majestys Subjects.

These are therefore to License and permitt the said Richard Littlepage to hyre and imploy 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 imediately 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 25th day of October 1711.

A Spotswood

Citation: Petition of Richard Littlepage, ca. 1711, and Certificate of Alexander Spotswood, Oct. 25, 1711, both in Colonial Papers Digital Collection, Library of Virginia.