

A P P E N D I X, No. 2.

*In the House of Delegates, of Virginia June 9, 1779.
Resolved,*

THAT the commonwealth of *Virginia* hath the exclusive right of *pre-emption* from the *Indians*, of all the lands *within the limits of its own chartered territory*, as declared by the act and constitution of government, in the year 1776, that no person or persons whatever have, or ever had, a right to purchase any lands within the same, from any *Indian* nation, except only persons duly authorized to make such purchases, on the public account, *formerly for the use and benefit of the colony and lately of the commonwealth*, AND THAT SUCH EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION WILL, AND OUGHT TO BE MAINTAINED BY THIS Commonwealth, to the *UTMOST OF ITS POWER*.

Resolved,

That every purchase of lands heretofore made by the *King of Great Britain*, from any *Indian* nation or nations, *within the before mentioned limits*, doth and ought to endure for ever, to and for the use and benefit of this commonwealth, and to and for no other use, or purpose whatsoever.

Resolved, therefore,

That the deed from the *Six United Nations of Indians*, bearing date on the third day of November, 1768, for certain lands between the *Alleghany Mountains* and the *River Ohio*, above the mouth of the *Little Kenhawa Creek*, to and for the use and benefit of a certain *William Trent*, gentleman, in his own right, and as security for sundry persons in the said deed named, as well as all other deeds, which have been or shall be made, by any *Indian* or *Indians*, for lands within the limits of the charter and territory of *Virginia* or any