

Colonial Court Records

Interactions Between Colonists and Native Americans

Articles of Agreement, 1699	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7927/
Petition of Thomas Garrett, 1706	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7900/
Town Petition for Aid Against Potential Attack, 1716	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7893/rec/1
Testimony and Verdict in John Cope Case, 1722	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7862/rec/1 AND https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7873/
Petition of Chowan Indians, undated	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7923/rec/1
Deposition of Richard Nixon, 1722	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7876/rec/1
Complaint Against John Allen, 1769	https://digital.ncdcr.gov/digital/collection/p16062coll38/id/7852

Reflect & Discuss

This selection of seven records spans seventy years. Can you identify any patterns of change over time for interactions between the colonists and native communities? What clues to pre-colonial life might the earlier documents provide?

Several of these documents show different behaviors among English colonists toward the indigenous communities. Why might some be more sympathetic?