

U. II. Journal
1659-98 an Act for Encouragem^t of Sowing and making of Hemp and flax within this Province which having Delivered they return to their house

The said Bill read the first time in this house and Voted a Second reading in Course

The Bill Ascertaining what Damages shall be Allowed upon Protested Bills of Exchange read the Second time, and this house are of Opinion that 15 p^r Cent allowed by the said Bill is too little in such Cases considering the time the Cred^t must be out of his Principall, Voted that 20 p^r Cent with Costs is but reasonable, and with that Amendment this house will pass the Bill

The Bill Explaining the Act concerning Port Dutys and Masters of Ships read the Second time—

Voted that the Qualifications of Ships &c. be particularly Expressed by Ships or Vessels Built in and Properly Belonging to this Province—

Voted also that the Lower house be desired to Explain themselves in Point, of Ships Dutys whether or no they intend thereby to cutt of the Officers fees for taking Bonds required by Act of Parliament &^t The fourteen pence p^r Tonn; or his Lordships imposition of two Shillings p^r hhd Settled on him by Act of Assembly whether all or either or which of these whereof this house desire to be rightly informed, and to have the Same (if not so intended) plainly in Explicite words Express^d in the Act before it can pass this house.

p. 400 Brought into this house the following paper which was Ordered to be Read Viz^t

There was about two Days agoe a new Canoe full of Indians at the North point of Potapsco, and there was a boy went to look after Cattle, and his Dog run out and bayed at a Squirrel, and it is Supposed that the said Indians thought that some English was coming upon them which made them take over a Creek within the North point it being a little before Sun going down, the next Morning I with Some others went out to know what they were, and their Business but we could not See them, nor no Sign of them it is thought that they are Evilly intended by their carriage, and that they are the Same Indians that did the Murder at Point look out last year; for they were first Discovered last year here before that they did the Murder there, thou may please to inform the Inhabitants about them, The said Indians was seen by Several of the North point People when they went over the abovesaid Creek and there is now this Morning gone out a Party of Men to make a further Discovery, and to know what the said Indians are but as yet I have not heard any thing what they have Discovered; nought else but my Love

The 29th of 2^d Month 1682.

Charles Gorsuch—