

John Edmunsens Letter to his Excellency touching Land U. H. J. laid out at William Stadt was referred and sent down to the House the 4th of May Instant following

Monday May 4th 1696

The Council Again Sate and were Present as on Saturday.

Produced and read a return from Captain Bayne & M^r John Bigger relating to the divided Counties on the Western Shore as also a Letter by his Excellency Received from M^r Mason touching the same were by Order laid before the House for their consideration

Brought from the House by Major Smithson M^r Frisby Col^o Pierce & M^r Sanders the following answer to the first Proposals made to the House from this Board as follows viz^t
Touching the Indian Land seating is further referred to be Considered of on Monday morning

Relating to the Addressing his Majesty about the Quarter Part of the Revenue taken by Governor Copley &c.

This House are of Opinion that nothing is to be had of Governor Copleys Estate or if their were the same is already Given by his Sacred Majesty to the said Governor Copleys Children

Touching Skins and Furrs brought out of Pennsylvania &c the House are of Opinion that the Law is already sufficient that such Skins & furs pay the duty as other upon Exportation

4 To have a Bridewell &c.

The House think such Bridewell or House of Correction very necessary and convenient but the present ill Circumstances of this Province will not admit the Beginning or Carrying on of any more building then already Undertook

5 That a Law be made for the County Justices and Vestries to make yearly Return of their proceedings &c

Resolved that a Bill be prepared therefore

6 How the Clerks of the Vestries and Parishes shall be paid

Resolved the House will inspect the Act relating to the 40 l Tobacco p Poll

7 To have a severe Law made against Persons taking up wild Horses

Voted and Resolved that a Law be considered of to prevent the Great Abuses of Persons driving Horses in the woods as for Carrying Horses over Potomack out of this Province into Virginia there is an Act or Law of that Colony against it

8 To Strengthen the militia Law &c.