

sidered of at the Conference, but thought that for Making the way Smooth to them, It will be better that they be drawne off to the head of the Branch or Stodderts Plantacōn, and that Coll. Beale and a Lev<sup>t</sup> under him Comānd a party of Six men, and owens Six more as will be thought Suffitient.

Upon the again reading a Message from the House of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant relating to the Indians & comittees Report thereon His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to returne for answer, that he gives the House thanks for their good Oppinion of him And hopes that they Shall never haue reason to Say that either himself or any of his Maj<sup>tys</sup> hono<sup>ble</sup> Councill will nev<sup>r</sup> putt the province to the least unnecessary Charge more then w<sup>ts</sup> needfull both for his Maj<sup>tys</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> and Service and Safety and Welfare of the Country.

March the 24<sup>th</sup> 1698.

The Councill againe Sate and were present as yesterday The Severall answers to the houses Resolves & Sundry Messages last night drawne up were produced fair writt out and were read this Morning & sent to the house by the hon<sup>ble</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> & Colonel John Addison together w<sup>th</sup> the bills yesterday read, and an Acc<sup>t</sup> of w<sup>t</sup> proposalls have not yett been answered.

Upon Representation that a Brigantine named Hare belonging to Major Tho<sup>s</sup> Ennalls & others hath lately Imported Sundry Barbadoes goods for w<sup>ch</sup> no dutyes have been paid, Out of pretence that the said Vessell wholly belongs to Maryland Owners, but by Information hath two or three other persons that are no Inhabitants owners, whereby the imposition of 4<sup>d</sup> gallon Justly due hath been excluded; Ordered that the s<sup>d</sup> Matter be referred to the Comittee of acc<sup>ts</sup> to inquire into it and Secure the dutyes due and payable to the Country.

The Messengers Returne and Say that they delivered their Message and that the Speaker (if possible) will attend at the State house some time to day.

Brought from the house of Delegates A Bill for Rectyfieing the ill practices of Attorneys &<sup>c</sup> by M<sup>r</sup> Harris Major Hammond and other Members

Which s<sup>d</sup> Bill being read a Conference is desired thereon.

The s<sup>d</sup> Messeng<sup>rs</sup> Signifie that they are appointed by the house to Confer w<sup>th</sup> his Maj<sup>ties</sup> honble Councill about Settling the Courts &c pursuant to Comānd this day Received from the board.

Whereupon the hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonell Jowles Col. Addison and