

By the House of Delegates Decemb^r 9th 1704

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Journal.

This house hath Received all the papers relating to the Ind^{ns} by the hon^{ble} John Hamond & W^m Coursey Esq^r. Wee have heard all the Informacon that Coll Smallwood & Beale have given from all Which wee cann with no Reasonable Certainty Either Blame or Excuse our Neighbouring Indians the Piscattaways but forasmuch as notwithstanding both our peaceable Carriage towards them and our threatnings have not prevailed upon them to Returne to their Antient dwellings this house hath a good disposicon to make Warr upon them were it not that we have already undertaken some business of great Charge therefore Wee humbly advise your Excellency to call in the Soldiers & to treat with the said Indians at present in friendly manner and to dissemble the resentm^{ts} of the English till they be better Capacitated to carry on a Warr and have more Certainty of their Treachery & Guiltiness

Signed p Ord^r W Taylard Clk house Del

By the house of Dell

December 9th 1704.

In Answer to the Message as to the Act prohibiting the Importation of Bread Beer Flour &c.

This House are of Opinion that the Legislative power of this Province has Sufficient power to prohibitt Trade in such a Branch of it as that Act Mentions but they are Ready to Concurr Which your hon^{rs} Sentiments that its better to lay a Duty on the enumerated Comoditys &c but time will not admitt to Bring in a new Bill therefore they pray the Consideration thereof may be referred to the next Session of Assembly

Signed p order

W Taylard Clk house Del.

Came M^r Eccleston and brought up these following Bills viz:

A Bill for better ordering & Regulating the Militia &c.

A Bill for Lymitacon of Officers Fees.

A Bill for preserving Harbours &c.

A Bill for the Advancem^t of the Natives &c.

A Bill Declaring the Division of Sevrall Countys to be firm & Stable.

A Bill causing Jurors to come to Provinciaall and County Courts.

A Bill for paym^t of Fees due from Criminalls &c.

A Bill declaring Sevrall Laws heretofore made to be in force.