

and serious Debates the many great Things under your present Care will be in a few Days reduced into good wholesome Laws fit for the Royal Sanction; and as every Body knows this Part of America was discovered by Englishmen in the Reign of the famous renowned Queen Elizabeth I would have us of this Province always remember no Prince since (in so short a Time) ever applied their Royal Care more emphatically for your Welfare, Preservation and Happiness than our present glorious Queen Anne. I have had an Account from the Head of the Bay the Indians intended some Motion this Spring and with the Advice of her Majesty's Honourable Council have taken proper Measures about it for the present but hope Gentlemen you will enquire particularly into the Truth of this Affair for on our last Alarm the several Persons I sent on long & hazardous Journeys to bring me a right Intelligence of their Design were so narrowly rewarded it must be on a very emergent Occasion. I'll trouble any Gentlemen again if I may not be thought a proper Judge what such a publick Service deserves. I have neither Lands nor Houses to lose here on any sudden fatal Insult as you Gentlemen Freeholders have yet my Reputation which is dearer to me than any thing in this World lies at Stake. But with all the cheerful Willingness imaginable will expose myself on a true handsome Occasion for the Defence Service & Peace of this Country. Gentlemen, I have several other material Things to offer to your Consideration this Session but shall presume to do it by way of Message.

Ordered it be read in the Morning and the Speaker and the Members return to the House where he having taken the Chair & finding it late, adjourned till 8 o'clock to Morrow Morning.

Wednesday April 3^d 1706

The House met according to Adjournment & were present as Yesterday. The Letter executory of Col^l Thomas Smithson for his Absence read in the House & allowed of as also another Letter as Treas^r of the Eastern Shore was read as followeth.

Talbot County March 28th 1706

Gent^l I hereby give you Notice that I formerly received from Mr. Dozman Naval Officer of Potomack District in Payment of his Account and Debt to the Publick John Green's first second & third Bills for ten Pounds Eleven Shillings Eight Pence drawn on William Proston in Liverpool indorsed by John Dozman which Bills are all lost and taken as far as I know the Ships being taken by whom sent and I never received the Money. I sent to Mr. Dozman a Copy of the third Bill after first & second lost desiring him to procure fourth fifth & sixth but it was not done the Drawer I presume being gone and no Effects. Your humbly craved Advice and Order of the House whether I shall

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