

Ordered that he give Bond to the right Honourable the Lord Propriet<sup>r</sup> for the Sum of one hundred pounds Sterling, that he hath not on Board his Ship neither will receive or take on Board the Same any Deer skins or Hides Drest or undressed this present Voyage neither will Export any Such out of this Province this present Voyage, that in case the Same be proved hereafter against him his Bond Shall be forfeited; he Submitts thereunto and is willing to Enter into Such Bond—

His Lordship is pleased to take care to see the same effected—

Bartholomew Watts & Company are Dismissed the house—

A Message from the Lower house by Coll: George Wells and Captain Jonathan Sibrey which they Deliver and return to their house being as followeth Viz<sup>t</sup>—

Lower house 8th May 1682

This house will give information to the Upper house when the Committee of Laws have made their report, that the Upper house may appoint a Committee to consider of what is offered concerning the Inspection of the Laws before any thing Offered for result of both houses—

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order Tho<sup>s</sup> Grunwin Cl of the Lower house

John Prior called into this house he is charged with buying of Skins himself and Employing James Smallwood and others to buy Skins of Indians contrary to the Act of Assembly in that case made and Provided; Ordered that the information and Severall Depositions thereto relating be read unto him Viz<sup>t</sup>

Dennis Huscula of St Maries County Planter informs that living about five Miles from the place where one John Prior Merchant of London keeps Store, of late he hath seen Several Indians pass by his house with Bundles of Deer Skins who told me that they had sold these Deer Skins to the aforesaid Merchant, and further informs that his house being within four Miles of the Indian Town Zachaiah and hath often Occasion to have Conference with the said Indians, and more especially of late to the intent to Buy Deer Skins to Supply my great Necessity for Cloathing, have been told by the Indians that all the Deer skins they have had of late they have Sold and disposed of to one John Prior the aforesaid Merchant, and to one James Smallwood for the said Merchants use, which he presumes to be Contrary to the Act of Assembly in that Case provided and greatly to the Hinderance of the Inhabitants who are hereby prevented from buying Deer skins of the said Indians the only hopes of Cloathing Ourselves this Scarce year of Goods