

Inspection into & duly Examined the state & Condition of William Morris & what the Evidences by him produced had to say on his Behalf therein do Report that upon the whole matter they do find the allegations & pretences of the pet<sup>r</sup> Morris to be altogether vain & Fictitious Scandalous & Ridiculous; whereupon the petition & the matter therein Contained is dismiss the Board & the Evidences discharged from their further attendance & the said Morris Ordered to pay them their Legal Charges

M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Luff Sheriff of Somerset County having by Virtue of a præcept to him formerly directed for the apprehending & taking into his Custody of Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> accordingly apprehended the said Randolph & Suffered him to make his Escape is called in & charged with his Neglect therein & Ordered to give his Excellency an Acco<sup>t</sup> of the whole matter his manner of proceedings & what had passed between him & the Governor of Virginia upon his application made to him in Order to retrieve his Prisoner which the said Stephen Luff having accordingly done It is Ordered that he the said Stephen Luff together with Charles Nicholson to attend him do again wait upon his Excellency to demand the delivery up to him of his Prisoner & that a Postscript be added to the Letter ordered to be drawn the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant to the said Gov<sup>r</sup> to acquaint his Excellency that Since the Writing thereof the said Sheriff was returned hither & had given an Acco<sup>t</sup> of his Demands made to his Excellency for the Surrender of the said Randolph his Prisoner & of his Excellencys answer thereto from whence this Board had been encouraged to request his Exc<sup>lly</sup> the Governor of this Province to send back the said Sheriff together with the said Charles Nicholson in order to make a Second demand & hoped his Exc<sup>lly</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros would Comply therewith

Was then produced & read the said Letter formerly writ (viz<sup>t</sup>) the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant together with the Postscript added as above (viz<sup>t</sup>)

May it please your Excellency

Your Excellencys of the 22<sup>d</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of this last Month have been imparted to us & their Contents Duly considered from whence we hold our selves obliged to return your Excellency for answer that we take notice of your kind endeavours to admonish Concerning those strange Indians at the head of our Bay & the French man with them but withal to assure you that as it hath pleased their Maj<sup>stys</sup> to do us that great Honour to place Us in the Spheeres we are so we shall therein consult & act as near as we can noth<sup>g</sup> Prejudicial to their Service & the good & Welfare of their Subjects & to that end have referred any Resolutions Concerning those Indians