

U. H. J. The House desires his Excellency will be pleased to consider the said Petition and express his sentiments thereon to this Board

Signed p Order
W Bladen Cl Assembly

p. 88z Answer thereto was by Order drawn up and Indorsed as follows viz^t

By his Excellency the Governor & Council May the 11th 1696

This Board have Considered the Petition and are apt to believe the matters therein contained to be true but considering the Representative Body now met together are more capable of Judging thereon is left to their result but his Excellency is withal Pleased to Recommend again to the House a Certain proposall laid before them relating to the appointing several Persons for to manage that Office and bringing Tobacco to Certain places and that they would inquire against the next year if any Person will undertake the same their being a whole year beforehand for People to make their Proposals thereabouts

The said several Bills petitions and Representations with Remarks thereon were sent down to the House by Col^o Hutchins and Col^o Addison who return and say they delivered the same

Sent by the Clerk of this Board the Return of the Indenture for Election of Burgesses in Prince Georges County who returns and says he delivered the same

Came from the House Captain William Dent who signified that he was sent to desire some of the Gentlemen of the Council might go down to the House to swear the new Returned members for Prince Georges County and Calvert County and according went down by Order the honble Col^o Nicholas Greenberry and Col^o Addison attended by the Clerk of this Board who accordingly administred the Oaths appointed by the Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy unto M^r Hatton Col^o Ninian Beal M^r W^m Barton and M^r James Crawford who also Subscribed to the Test

May the 12th 1696

The Council again Sate and were present as yesterday.
Read over the request of the House touching Indians as follows viz^t