Ordered that the two Cap^{ts} of the Rangers each have Original Tenn Granadoes tenn fusees 2 spades 2 pick axes & 2 shovells delivered them and that the Colls of prince Georges & Baltemore Counties deliver them each Cap^t Viz^t Cap^t Brightwell & Oldton 50^l pound of powder fflint & ball Equivalent the same to be returned back & not made vse off but vpon occasion.

His Ex^{cy} proposes whether the house think it convenient that the said Rangers have Inforted themselves, who doe say P. 27 that they doe approve thereof provided the province be at noe

charge therevoon.

Cap' Brightwell being sent for comes accordingly He is told that the Assembly have graunted that the Rangers should have some of those things he peticoned for but that they were not to be medled with or made vse off without special occasion. He is also acquainted that there is a Complaint made against some of his men coming downe among the plantacons too oft & keeping away from the ffort Therefore he is Cautioned for the future to have them in better order, and that one of the first things they doe be to cut downe the vnder bush round about their fort, the makeing whereof is approved off provided it be noe charge to the Country

Mr Speaker & the rest of the members take leave & returne

back to the house.

June the 3d 1697.

The Council again Sate & were present

His Ex^{cy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Generall &c.

S^r Thomas Laurence Baronet Sec^{ry}
Coll Henry Jowles
Coll Nicholas Greenberry
Thomas Tench Esq^r

Cap^t Generall &c.
Coll Hutchins
Coll Addison
Coll Courts
Thomas Brooke Esq^r

Brought from the house of Delegates by Maj^r Walter Smith Maj^r Barton Maj^r Smallwood M^r Hutchison & Cap^t Hoskins these following papers & bills Vizt.

A peticon of Maj' W^m Whittington praying that some publick fees due to him might be continued vpon Execucon &c. The same was endorsed by the house as followes Viz'

By the house of Delegates June the 3d 1697.

If the petr will draw a pticuler account of what is due to him of such publick levy & make oath That neither directly nor indirectly he hath recd any part thereof nor any way