

Ordered that an answer there to be given which was as follows Viz^t Original Journal.

By his Ex^{cy} the Govern^r & Council June 7th 1697.

To the message of the house dated the 5th instant in relacōn to permitting some persons keeping publick fferry to keepe ordinaries License free pursuant to a former Ordinance this board doe Say that there never was any such Ordinance But doe remember a proposall formerly made to that effect on Condicōn the house would agree to makeing publick ffereys throughout the Country, but was rejected, However if the house are willing to revive the proposall it will be assented to his hon^r S^r Thomas Laurence who is cheifely interest therein being very willing to set aside his right on Condicōn assigned otherwise expects his dues to the full pursuant to his Ma^{ty}s Royall guift to him of those matters.

Signed p ord^r Hen: Denton Cl Concil

Proposed that an Ordinance be made to appoint some p^{ns}ons to looke after the worke that remaines to be done about the State house as also about the Church and School worke.

That care be taken to have the remainder of the lands Engrossed.

The foregoing message &^c were sent down to the house by the hon^{ble} Coll Nicholas Greenberry who returnes and says he has delivered the same.

June the 8th 1697.

The Council againe sate & were present as yesterday except the hon^{ble} Coll Henry Jowles.

Brought from the house of Delegates by Maj^r Dent Maj^r Hamond & Cap^t Hill. The answer of the house to the severall Quæries contained in the lre of the R^t hon^{ble} the Lords of the Council for trade & forreigne plantacons laid before them as follows Viz^t

Severall Quæries to their Lord^{pps} Lre, Viz^t The Lords of the Council for trade & plantacōns laid before the house as followeth & the 4th Quærie Vizt.

4. ffew or noe families are come into this Province to reside especially from pensilvania & few or none removed from hence to the proper province of pensilvania onely some single p^{ns}ons mostly woemen are of late come from England or Ireland in the quality of servants about 60 souls & some few of the meanest Inhabitants to avoyd the prosecucōn of their p. 36