

June the 11<sup>th</sup> 1697. Assented to by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and his Matys<sup>s</sup> L. H. J. hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill.

Hen: Denton Clk: Councill.

Referred to the next Generall Assembly to finde out an Expedient for secureing peoples Letters from Imbezillment and interruption.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> having proposed to this house that if the breeding up of Indian Youths in Schools and fitting them for the university in Virginia will not be one good means to effect the conversion of the Indians.

This house doe say that it is a very good means to effect the same if any persons will be so charitable to educate them.

A Bill ascertaining what shall be the Sherrifs duty in and upon Returns by them made for publick dues and officers fees, read the third tyme.

Assented to by the house and sent to his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Councill.

Ordered that 50<sup>ls</sup> Sterl: in the publicke Treasurers hands be applied to pay M<sup>rs</sup> Herman what is due to her, when the now court house is finished. sent to the Councill.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> having comunicated to the house a certain Letter by him lately received from the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Councill of Trade and forraigne plantations, wherein it is intimated that the Quota or assistance formerly ordered this province to contribute to New Yorke is required to be now employed with.

The said Letter also Intimating that there were some ministers expected into this province, who had not had his Matys: gracious allowance of 20<sup>lb</sup> a piece; but that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> upon their arrivall is ordered to pay them the same, and his Ex<sup>cy</sup> desireing the same may be payed by the Country he having noe money of the Kings in his hands.

Resolved (nemine Contradicente) that in case his Ex<sup>cy</sup> has no money of the Kings, and the said ministers arrive and require the paym<sup>t</sup> that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> draw so much out of the publicke Treasury of this province to be paid out of his Matys: money the first that comes to hand, and his said Ex<sup>cy</sup> order shall be a discharge therefore to the said Treasurers.

That parte of their Lordsp<sup>s</sup> Letters relateing to the Assistance to be given to new Yorke taken into consideration.

Put to the Question and resolved (nemine Contradicente) that the Gent<sup>m</sup> appointed to apporcōn the publicke Levy this session are (in case they see a just occasion and Lawfull Authority, and noe Warre happening with our neighbour Indians and the Governor and Councill consent therewith) Impowered to draw out of the hands of the publicke Treasurers the Balance of what money is now in Banke in the publicke