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May the 20th 1696.

The Councill again Sate & were

Whitehall

p^rsent,

His Ex^{ncy} ffancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} &c^a

Coll George Robotham	} Coll David Brown	}
Coll Nich ^o Greenberry		
Coll Charles Hutchins		

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Indians
appear &
make a
present

Whitehall

The Nantecoke Indians appear at the Board, who signified by their Interpreter that there were seaven Towns belonging to them, and th^t one out of each Town was sent in the name of the rest, to pay their acknowledgm^{ts} and accordingly each of them made a present of skins; to which his Excell was pleased to Return for Answer that it was not his Custom to Receive any presents, but however he would (as an acknowledgm^t of their kindness) accept of one skin from each Town but that for the future, when they had any Business here they should forbear bringing presents, for that their business should be as fully answered without as with p^rsents.

Then they further acquaint his Excell that there are three Towns more belonging to them, for which they Offer three skins, as an Acknowledgm^t for the s^d three Towns and desire to know in generall his Ex^{ncies} pleasure; who is pleased to tell them that he Ratifies & confirms whatsoever power Govern^r Copley had before given them, and in Return of their p^rsents gave them a p^rsent of severall bottles of Ru^me.

The following Report of M^r Attorney Gen^{ll} vpon S^r Thomas Laurence's petition & the Lord Baltmores answer about the Land Office &c^a being Read, was Ordered to be Entred in the Journall of this Board, being a Copy from the Originall attested by the hono^{ble} John povey Esq^r one of the Clerks of his Ma^{ts} most hono^{ble} privy Councill, together with a Copy of the Ord^r of Councill thereon, attested by the hono^{ble} Sr Thomas Laurence Baron^t Secretary of this Province.

May it please your Majesty

p. 348 M^r Attorney
Gen^{lls} Re-
port vpon
S^r Tho:
Laurence's
petition
about the
Land Office

In humble obedience to your Ma^{ts} Ord^r of Reference of the ffourth of this instant Jan^{ry} vpon the petition of S^r Thomas Laurence Secy of Maryland relating to his Office & the passing Grants in that Province; and the Lord Baltmores Answer therevnto I have heard both parties therevpon, and the first thing in controversy between them, being whether the