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Original Resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex^{cy} in rela-
Journal. tion to what he was pleased to communicate to us in relation
to the Piscattaway Indians.

By the house of Delegates March the 25th 1698.

This house have again taken into consideration the matter of the Piscattaway Indians and do think it so inconsiderable that they do not much regard whether any Message be sent to them or not, or whether they come in or stay out, yett if your Ex^{cy} thinks fitt to send to Sir Edmund Andross his Maty^s Governour of Virginia to have leave to send through his Government to them we leave the same to the Ex^{cy}s better Judgment; att present we don't coneive itt adviseable to inhibitte those Indians from coming and goeing to and fro in this province as formerly so long as they peaceably demean themselves, and as a means the better to induce them to come in,

We humbly advise that the Rangers att the frontiers of potomack may be forthwith called in (or if your Ex^{cy} thinks fitt) that those frontier plantations may be strengthened by posting them or such like number of men therefore their better security as by our former Message we have humbly submitted to your Ex^{cy} discretion.

Signed by order
W Bladen Ck hos: Del:

The answer to the Message about M^r Mason the aforegoing Message and this sent p M^r Ben: Hall, M^r Elisha Hall, M^r Campbell, M^r Hicks, M^r Bozman and M^r Lane.

Moved by a member that a comittee be appointed to inspect and examine those articles of charge exhibited ag^t his Ex^{cy} the Governour by M^r Gerrard Slye to the Lords Com^{rs} of foreigne plantations in England.

The house adjourned for 2 hours.

Post Merediem. House mett. And address to his Ex^{cy} the Governour and his Maty^s hon^{ble} Councill.

p. 187 The Humble address of the house of Delegates.

May it please your Excellency.

We the Delegates out of our bounden dutyes and sincere affections towards your Ex^{cy} do look upon ourselves to be in a strict manner obliged to represent to your Ex^{cy} all such matters as may any ways tend to the dishonour and dissatisfaction of those his Maty^s Subjects whom your Ex^{cy} has been pleased to put in places of power and trust for the due