

Original Journal. ing the Indians this house Confiding in yo^r Ex^{ncys} good Conduct and well knowing you never exposed us to unnecessary Charges doe humbly referr itt to yo^r Ex^{ncys} Discretion to Continue the Rangers att New Scotland at such place as you shall think fitt untill the Indians doe come in (but humbly advise that it may bee so near the Inhabitants that they may heare any allarm upon occasion And that upon Accomodacōn with the Indians yo^r Ex^{ncy} will be pleased to call in those Rangers whom this house do not think fitt further necessary to be kept out
Sign'd p Ord^r
W Bladen Cl Dom Del

Brought from the house of Delegates the following Message by m^r Staly & M^r Young.

By the House of Delegates Mar^{ch} 29th 1697/8

May itt please yo^r Ex^{ncy}

Vpon reading a certaine Letter from a Reverend Minister of the Church of Eng^{ld} which yo^r Ex^{ncy} was pleased to communicate to us Complaining to yo^r Ex^{ncy} that the Popish Priests in Charles County do of their own Accord in this violent & rageing Mortality in that County make itt their business to goe up and the County to psons houses when dying & frantick and endeavour to seduce and make prosellites of them & in such Condition boldly presume to administ^r the Sacrament
p. 26 to them Wee have putt itt to the Vote in the house if a Law should be made to restrayne such their p^rsumption or not and have concluded to make such Law at p^rsent but humbly Intreat yo^r Ex^{cy} that you would be pleased to Issue your proclamation to Restrayne and prohibite such their Extravagant and p^rsumptious behaviour.

Signd p Ord^r
W Bladen Cl Dom Del.

Brought from the house of Delegates by M^r Mill and three other members the following Message Viz^t

By the house of Delegates March the 21st 1697/8.

Yo^r Ex^{cys} Commands to attend you in Councill sent by by the hon^{ble} Thomas Tench and James Frisby Esq^{rs} We have received and assure your Ex^{cy} that We are very ready to obey them; But for as much as our Speaker cannot Without Manifest Danger of his Life venture out so farr from his Chamber. We humbly desire your Ex^{cy} will be pleased to deferr such