

L. H. J. same nature herewith sent, since you cannot be ignorant of the vast charge you have putt the Country to.

Fra: Nicholson  
Henry Iowles      Cha: Hutchison  
Thomas Tench      Iohn Courts  
Iohn Addison      Tho<sup>s</sup> Brookes.  
Iames Frisby.

Resolved this house will proceed on the Countrys business.

The hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench Esq. and Iames Frisby Esq<sup>r</sup> enter the house and deliver their Message to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker, which was read as followeth.

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill Octo<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1698.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> having recommended to the house severall papers being the Treaty of Coll<sup>o</sup> Thompson and others with the Indians at the head of the bay, their opinion is required whether it may not be adviseable to send to the Gov<sup>r</sup> of New Yorke to acquaint him that severall Indians are seated upon Susquahannah and Potomacke. And to inquire whether they do not belong to the nations or any other Indians under his Govern<sup>t</sup> which if they be this Government will not harbour or protect them.

This house have read the Treaty made with the Indians at the head of the bay by Coll<sup>o</sup> Thompson and others and do conceive that the Shawnise Indians came from the Southward and not any ways belonging to the Government of New Yorke, and the Susquehannah Indians are at their old habitacōn supposed to be without the Limitts of this Province, and that this house has no assurance of any nation of Indians seated at the head of Potomacke.

A Copy of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall Instructions to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> about Liberty of Conscience sent to the house for their opinion whether the Roman Catholicks have not forfeited such his Maj<sup>ties</sup> favour here.

Nothing appearing to this house of any violation of such his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall Instructions, the same is referred to your Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Councill.

Resolved that the honble Thomas Tench Esq. and Iames Frisby Esq<sup>r</sup> be Joyned with such Co<sup>m</sup>ittee as the house shall appoint of their members to Inspect the publick Acc<sup>os</sup> which are recomended to be examined since his Ex<sup>cys</sup> accession to this Government, and that they make the following remarks to that Co<sup>m</sup>ittee.

1. That upon M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Watkins acc<sup>s</sup> that by co<sup>m</sup>on report M<sup>r</sup> Sheffield Imported about fifty negroes and gave credit but for thirty two.