

our Waiting upon you for a Day or Two hoping in that tyme our Speaker may be better able to attend your Ex^{cy} with the house. Original
Journal.

We conceive the only thing about the Indians unresolved is what should be done in Case they do not Come in. If It be so We humbly Address yo^r Ex^{cy} that we may be admitted to debate it here and send our Resolutions therein to yo^r Ex^{ncy} and his Maj^{tys} hon^{ble} Council.

Signd p Ord^r.
W Bladen Cl Dom Del.

In Answer to which.

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r and Council in
Assembly. March the 21. 1697/8.

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The Message by M^r Miller and three other of the houses Members this Day sent was rec^d and here read.

This Board being willing to Answer the houses request in defferring the conference about the Indians for a day or two longer but wth all doe Signifie there are Severall other Matters which will be then also Necessary to be considered.

Signed p ord^r
Hen: Denton Cl Council.

It is remarqued that the request of the House for deferring the Conferrance by reason of the Speakers being sick is an Unparliamentary way of proceeding

The reporte of the Committee about Indian Affaires read. And upon reading the second Article Advised that the way about Sending to the Indians be consulted.

The third Article is agreed to and recommended the said Rangers be paid off.

And it being considered after What Manner the Indians shall be treated with and how sent to. if his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r of Virginia doe not consent to Suffer any persons to goe through that Govern^{mt} to them.

That the withdrawing or keeping the Rangers at the Garrison at Potomock be Considered.

A bill for restraining the Extortions of Sherriffs read the first time and recommended that a clause therein be added to restraine the Sherriffs from enacting double ffees from prison^{rs} and it hath been represented the Sherriffs of Talbott County have done making persons that haue layn under two or three Sev^{ll} Executions pay so many Twenty pounds of tob^o p day for ffees as there were Executions, and it is recomended alsoe that a Clause be added for regulating the p. 28