

L. H. J. vince that this Committee does referr the consideration thereof to this house.

Resolved by this house that an address be drawne to his Ex^{cy} and Council for redressing the said aggreivances.

The Committee appointed to consider the matter Relateing to the Nanticoake Indians Enter the house and present their Report in writing.

Ordered that the same be referred till to morrow Morning.

M^r Robert Mason Treasurer of the Western Shoare Enter the house and presents his acc^{ts} to this house.

He was demanded when he accounted last.

Who made answer the 1st of June 1697.

He was demanded that for as much as Severall negroes great Quantities of rum and other Comodities have been since Imported whereby this house did believe he had a much greater sume to account for then by his acc^{os} produced did appear.

p. 250 He replys that his Ex^{cy} by his order in Council did comand him to cease from Executing the office of Treasurer and likewise did prohibite the Severall Navall officers accounting with him, and that no officers have rendered him any acc^o this year.

Resolved that an address be drawn to his Ex^{cy} and Council on behalfe of the s^d Mason to Capacitate him to rend^r his acc^o

Moved by a member of this house that whereas it has always been a custome and practice for the public to allow to the Severall Countyes on the Eastern Shore an annuall Sumē for the maintaining of a boat to transport the Delegates of the Severall Countys to and from the assemblys from whence it naturally concludes that there must be men to manage the said boats who likewise must be paid for such their trouble and labour and that it hath been always the custome and practice of this Province for all such persons to be paid and allowed for such their Service by those Severall and respective Countys at the assessing and apportioning the County leavyes, yett notwithstanding severall of the Justices upon that shoare have been vexed, troubled and molested for such their allowance under their pretence of their Leavying and assessing the same upon the good people of this province Contrary to Law.

Resolved that for as much as it hath hetherto been usuall and Customary for such Severall and respective Countyes to defray such charge by Taxing of it into the County Leavy that this house does thinke it necessary that such Custome be still continued.

The house adjourns till to Morrow Eight a Clock.