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The Councill Sate Absent Col Henry Iowles Tho: Tench Esq^r & Maj^r Ioⁿ Hamond.

Moved by a Member that Whereas the Clarke of this Boarde had been at much Trouble and Charge in drawing and Writing Comissions for the Military Offic^{rs} and Comanders of the Militia throughout the whole province now intended by his Ex^{ncy} the Gov^r to be Comissionated which are very Considerable in number near three hundred that the Amerciam^{ts} in the provinciall Court (by law to be disposed of by his Ex^{ncy} the Gov^r and Councill) be granted him by Ord^r from this Board as was Usual to the former Clarke his predecesso^r

Whereupon Ordered That the said Amerciam^{ts} be by the Clarke of the provinciall Court drawne out upon Oath, and that the lists thereof be delivered to the said W Bladen before the last day of Octob. next to be sent with Executions to the severall Sherriffs by them to be collected and paid to the said Willm Bladen as a Recompence for such his Service in drawing out and writing the a^d Comissions, This Boarde being Sencible that none of the Officers Comissionated will pay him any thing for writing the s^d Comissions

Col Iohn Thompson M^r William Harris M^r Elisha Hall M^r William Hutchison M^r Samuel Young, and M^r Iames Smallwood according to the message last night sent to the House Come to hear the Indians discoursed and Treated with

Came by M^r Benjamin Hall & Col Ninian Beale the Resolves of the house for giveing M^{rs} Mary Fielder Twenty p. 60 pounds Sterl. And selling the officer Tobbo in Charles St Marys and Calvert Countys for six shills p Cent.

The Indians being Come before the Board; are Asked If the Empero^r of Piscattaway knew of their Coming? who say yes:

They are asked if they Intend to sitt down among us? who say, yes: Asked if the Empero^r Intends to Come in? they say they believe so, for that the Indians understand that a new Governo^r is Come and they hope for Good news.

Liev^t Col Smallwood says these Indians were part of those which Governo^r Nicholson obliged to live under the Empero^r and that now Twenty of the men are Come in.

The said Indians are told that those of them that are Come in will be reputed friends, but those that refuse Enemies.

The Indians are bid to lett the Empero^r know that if he will Come in with his Indians and sitt down Quietly, his Ex^{cy} will ratify the Articles of peace with them.

The s^d Indians are Asked if they have any thing to say to his Ex^{cy} who say not, further then onely to see his Ex^{cy} and