

At p<sup>r</sup>sent We do not conceiue it advisable to Inhibite those Indians from coming and going to & fro in this Province as formerly soe long as they shall peaceably Demeane themselves. And as a Meanes the better to Induce them to Come in We humbly advise that the Rangers at the frontiers of Potomock may be forthwith called in (or if Y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> think fitt) that those ffrontier Plantacōns may be Strengthened by posting them or such like number of Men there for Their better Security as by our former Message We haue humbly Submitted to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Discretion. Original  
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Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>  
W Bladen Cl. Dom Del.

By the house of Delegates March the 24<sup>th</sup> 1697/8

This house is already Satisfied w<sup>th</sup> the Returne which M<sup>r</sup> Mason has made being very Sensible that he has not rec<sup>d</sup> the Nava<sup>ll</sup> Officers Acc<sup>ts</sup> nor is it possible for him to send to the Sev<sup>ll</sup> Sherriffs on the Westerne Shoare and Transmitt his Acco<sup>ts</sup> Hither before such time as it is hoped this Session will break up.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup>  
W Bladen Clk of the house of Delegates.

In Answer whereto

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> and Council in Assembly. March the 25<sup>th</sup> 98. The houses Answer in relation to M<sup>r</sup> Mason was rec<sup>d</sup> & here read; to w<sup>ch</sup> his Ex<sup>cy</sup> is pleased to Say that M<sup>r</sup> Mason has been Sev<sup>ll</sup> tymes sent to & has had diverse notices tyme enough to haue gott all his Acc<sup>ts</sup> ready but it apearig an absolute negligence in the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Mason in not sending them according to time, This Board doe not think him a fitt p<sup>r</sup>son to be Continued in that Station of Treasurer and if any of the nava<sup>ll</sup> Officers haue not done their Duty, His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> will take Care to Displace them

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup> H: D: Cl Co<sup>ll</sup>

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council in Assembly  
March the 25<sup>th</sup> 1698.

Message this Day Sent by M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Hall and others concern-  
ing the Indian Affaire was rec<sup>d</sup> and here read to which this  
Board can giue noe answer at p<sup>r</sup>sent until the house has Signi-  
fied their Oppinion upon the Com<sup>ittees</sup> Report relating to that  
matter. p. 50

Signed p ord<sup>r</sup> H: D: C: Cl.