

and passing through the upper Room where the Committee of Original Laws was sitting, strook dead M^r James Crawford one of the Journal. Delegates of Calvert County & one of the s^d Committee to the great Astonishm^t of all persons, But it so pleased God by the Active Care and personall p^rsence of his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r the s^d fire was quickly Quenched a showr of rain happening Imediately thereupon And the Records p^rserved as also the house with little or no Considerable Damage And this occasioned the Adjournm^t of this Board 'till 8 of the Clock to Morrow Morning.

Fryday Iuly the 14th 1699.

Councill in Assembly Sate p^rsent as yesterday with the Addition of Col Henry Iowles

Came Cap^t Hutchison and Col Ninian Beal from the house wth the Reporte of the Committee ab^t Indians which was returned to the house (thus Endorsed) by Thomas Tench & Iohn Addison Esq^{rs} Viz^t

By his Ex^{cy} the Governo^r and Councill in Assembly
Iuly the 14th 1699

This Reporte has been here read and this Board Concurr with the house of Delegates in Approveing thereof and recomend it to the house to prepare a Bill Accordingly.

The Consideration of this Subject brings into remembrance the many Signall Services and Laborious Endeavours of Col Ninian Beal one of your Members which he still Continues Willingly Even beyond what his age seems Capable of; And that good Services may not go unrewarded and others in time to Come Encouraged thereby to Exert their Abilitys in the Country Service It is recomended to your Consideration to make him some Allowance out of the publick Stock to the Value of a hundred pounds or so much money as will buy him four Negro's and that Some person may be Appointed to buy and deliver them to him and that they may be Settled in Some person for his use and Supporte dureing his life and after dureing his Wifes and after to such Child or Children as he shall dispose by his last will and Testam^t and not Subject to paym^t of any the said Beal's Debts

Signed p Order
W Bladen Cl: Concl.