

Original any Lett^{rs} either forraign or domestick longer then they have
Journal. Convenience of Deliv^{ing} or sending the same away would
admitt off.

The hon^{ble} Colonel John Addison upon his humble Motion of Extraordinary business has leave to retire home and it is ord^ded that Tho^s Brooke Esq^r be sent for to give his attendance according to promise

The hon^{ble} Sr Tho^s Lawrence added

Brought from the house of Delegates by Cap^t Hoskins and five other Memb^{rs} the Following Resolves of the house upon the Committees Report ab^t Indian affairs, wth Answer from the house to Severall Messages of this board Viz^t by the house of Del. March the 18th 1698.

p. 56 It is reported from the Committee appointed to Consider about the Indian affairs, first That they do unanimously agree and are of Opinion that for Createing a Right und^rstanding in the matter concerning the piscattaway Indians, It will be absolutely necessary by some means or other to send to the said Indians and acquaint them that if they will return into this province and Settle themselves among ous as form^{ly} This Govern^t (Upon the happy news of a peace in Europe are willing to pass by and forgive all form^r Injury's by past, on Condition they behave themselves friendly & Quietly for the future. To w^{ch} proposall the house do Concur.

2^d That the Com^{it}tee Conclude the most Expeditious way of sending this Message to the s^d Indians will be by an Indian Consid^{ing} the present Circumstances of Affairs. Unless it be thereupon advisable to Com^unicate the said Matter to his Maj^{tyes} Gov^r of Virginia first which this Com^{it}tee do humbly leave to the Consid^{ation} of his Ex^{ncy} and members of his Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill and House of Delegates in Assembly now sitting But that if his Ex^{ncy} Sr Edm^d Andros be sent to and Consent in this affair that then the Message be sent [by] English.

Whereupon put to the Question in the house and Resolved that the message to be sent to the Indians be sent by an Indian.

3^{dly} It being represented by the Delegates from Baltimore County that they are in no dread or apprehension of fear through Indians these partes,

p. 57 This Com^{it}tee are of openion that the Continuing the Rang^{rs} in Baltimore County for secureing the fronteirs is needless and may be dismissed if his Ex^{cy} approves thereof.

The house Concur therewth nemine Contradicente that the Rangers of Baltimore be dismissed.