

of prince Georges County did not think Piscattaway Indians to be so Inconsiderable an Enemy Original  
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The hon<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Laurence Bar<sup>t</sup> Secry Tho<sup>s</sup> Tench & James Frisby Esq<sup>rs</sup> were by ord<sup>r</sup> appointed to Carry downe the bills yesterday Read and answered to the Severall Resolves as also the same tyme To swear Major Tho<sup>s</sup> Smithson Treasurer of the Easterne Shore to his publick acc<sup>tt</sup> and that the Clarke of this board attend them in order thereto. p. 77

They returne and say they have delivrd their Message and that they had sworne major Smithson To his Treasurers acc<sup>tt</sup> in presence of the house of delegates

Brought from the house of Delegates by M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin hall and five other members the following answers to Some Messages and References this day Sent viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of Delegates March the 30<sup>th</sup> 1698.

This house have Consid<sup>ed</sup> of the Message relateing to the four articles contained in M<sup>r</sup> Slys paper and doe not think fitt to alter their form<sup>r</sup> vote therein.

As to the Susquehannack Indians We have form<sup>ly</sup> given our opinion according to the best Information we can gett, That they are not w<sup>th</sup> in the limitts of this province And as to sending to New York the house see no necessity thereof.

As to George Huttchins L<sup>re</sup> to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> It is the opinion of the house that if the ten per Cent duty was paid for the four Serv<sup>ts</sup> It ought to be refunded againe but not for the goods they being liable to pay the duty.

Signed p Ord<sup>r</sup> p  
W Bladen Cl. Dom. Del.

The said Message being read by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Councill in assembly March the 31<sup>th</sup> 1698.

The Answer of the house Concerning those four articles of M<sup>r</sup> Slys has been Received and here read to w<sup>ch</sup> seing you thinke not fitt to make further answer. It is required that all the papers relateing to that affair as also all other papers now Lying before you and Sent from this board, be forthw<sup>th</sup> returned, but his Ex<sup>cy</sup> being informed that some of the Members of yo<sup>r</sup> house pretend to prove the severall articles of charge laid ag<sup>t</sup> him by the s<sup>d</sup> Sly, does therefor in his Maj<sup>ties</sup> name Comānd those Memb<sup>rs</sup> to putt in Writeing and give und<sup>r</sup> hand w<sup>th</sup> they have to say in that Matter in ord<sup>r</sup> that they may be sworne therto or else his Ex<sup>cy</sup> does look upon them to be false, Scandalous & Malitious, except those that can be otherwise proved by record

Signed p order  
Henry Denton Cl. Concl.