

By the House of Delegates March the 18th 1697/8.

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For as much as this house did give Instructions to their Severall Members to debate in the comittee with his Maj^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill. Whether it might not be thought fitt to discontinue the Rangers att the Garrison att potomack and strengthen those frontiers plantations by placing some persons constantly there to reside. Upon reading the Reporte of the said Co^mittee, we do not find that the same hath been as yett by them debated.

Therefore humbly desire your Ex^{cy} and his Maty^s honble Councill to direct your members further to continue the conference with ours.

Signed p ord^r W Bladen Clk: house of Delegates.

Sent p M^r Hawkins and M^r Jenkins.

House adjourned for two hours to M^r Speakers Chamber.

Post Merediem. House Mett. George Plater Esquire, M^r William Dent and M^r Rob^t Goldsborough his Matys: Lawyers appear in the house and a Copy of their opinion by them signed relating to the suspencion of M^r James Crauford, being read to them.

They say their opinion was then so, and yett is the same, though they do confess nemo Mortalium omnibus horis Sapit But shall be willing to alter their Judgement upon better argument.

But at present owning and seeming to Justify the said opinion are ordered to attend the house to Morrow Morning by 8 Clock to produce Authorities to Iustify their opinion if not to be concluded by this house.

The said Gentlemen departe the house.

M^r Edward Lloyd, added to the Co^mittee of Laws. It being proposed from his Ex^{cy} and his Maty^s hon^{ble} Councill, that the house would consult whether the Indians att the head of the Bay do live within the bounds of this province or not? In answer to which this house do say that by the best Informa- p. 172
tion we can gett we conceive the said Indians do not live within the bounds of this province.

Upon proposall from his Ex^{cy} the Gover^r and his Maty^s hon^{ble} Councill.

Resolved that M^r Michael Miller, Major Walter Smith, Major James Smallwood M^r Thomas Staly, D^r Iacob Lockerman and M^r ffrancis Jenkins be joined with some of the members of his Maty^s hon^{ble} Councill to view the State house and and
to settle some person to keep the same in order and to hoist the flagg.

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