

further attendance. His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> being satisfied by a Letter Lib. H. D. since rec<sup>d</sup> that he was not blameable as was then represented in Council.

M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Vngle Reg<sup>r</sup> of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Court of Vice admiralty on the Eastern Shore, signifying to this Board how that being concern'd in Trade and that his business would necessarily call him for England, so th<sup>t</sup> he could not possibly attend the execution of his said Comission; therefore humbly prayed he might be dismiss therefrom and some other person appointed, which is accordingly granted him and his Comission surrendered up at the Board.

October the 15<sup>th</sup> 1697.

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The Councill again sate and were present.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> &ca.

S<sup>r</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Laurence Baron<sup>tt</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Coll Henry Jowles

Coll George: Robotham

The Hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll: Nich<sup>o</sup> Greenberry

Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup>

Coll<sup>o</sup> John Addison

Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup>

Iames ffrisbey Esq<sup>r</sup>

Pursuant to sumons yesterday the severall Gentlemen appointed Mett his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & Councill this day at the State house to consult about Indian Affairs. George Plater Esq<sup>r</sup> Maj<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Dent, and M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Gouldesborough his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Counsell at Law came likewise.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to tell them to the effect following Viz<sup>t</sup>

That the occation of Calling them together at this time was about the late murther committed (by Indians) at the Garrison upon Potomock; but whether it might be advisable to break out into a Warr with them or not, he could not yett determine.

That he considered the calling of an Assembly upon this occasion could not so well be done now, by reason of the Winter Season, coming on & that an Assembly could not possibly be gott together under forty dayes time, besides the great charge which thereon would necessarily accrue; having no other business at present inductive to call them. But is in hopes that such methods may be found out (upon the mature consultation of the Gentlemen now present) as may secure this his Majes<sup>tes</sup> Province from the assaults & attempts of any