

The said Persons were severally by name called over and Lib. H. D. were found to be absent as follows Viz^t

Cap^t Hoskins,

Cap^t Hardy, M^r Holland & M^r Taylor.

They proceed to choose a President over the said Com^{mittee} p. 567 and do choose the Hono^{ble} S^r Thomas Laurence Barron^t Sec^{ry} for their President.

Then they begin to debate upon & enquire into the severall matters and proposalls (this day offer'd) concerning the Indians, and after a deliberate consultation therein had, do Ord^r the following Entry Viz^t

This Committee having taken into serious consideration the severall Letters, depositions and proceedings this day produced and read, in relation to some murthers and other Insolencies and Violencyes lately committed by Indians within this his Maj^{ties} Province of Maryland, and in particular reflecting upon his Ex^{ncys} Letter last Iune sent to his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r of Virginia with the Acco^t of what the Assembly had then done and transacted in Ord^r to makeing a treaty with the Piscattoway Indians who for no cause or Reason had deserted this Province contrary to the Articles of Peace; this day Read, together wth the return of the proceedings of the Gentlemen that went upon that treaty. All w^{ch} being maturely debated & the proceedings of his Ex^{ncy} & Assembly in th^t affair well approved off by this Committee; they, upon these fresh & further disturbances and Commotions since happening & suspected to be done by Indians; and considering how unfitt the present militia of the Countrey (as now constituted) is for the defence thereof, w^{ch} th^t it may be taken care off at the least charge to the people and without the necessity of calling an Assembly w^{ch} cannot suddenly be gott together without great charge. (besides the inconvenience of meeting this Winter time) do agree and conclude in the first place to consult of the best means & way of securing and strengthen^s the Garrison at Potomock & the ffrontiers thereof (they being so weak and Generally seated only with single hands) by a suitable & fitting supply of Men; and they are of Opinion th^t an addition of five men to the Rangers of the s^d Garrison, and eight men & two officers (to be Ordered as his Ex^{ncy} thinks fitt for defence of the ffrontier Plantations there) may be sufficient for them, in those parts; as has been proposed; And do further agree that it will be highly necessary for the further strengthening of the ffrontiers on the Westerne shore to choose 200 men out of the six Counties on the Westerne shore aforesaid; such as can be best spared (allwaies provided that none of the said men be taken out of the ffrontier Plantations) who may be ready