

Lib. H. D. plyed with; who are Order'd to make inspection thereinto & represent the same to his Ex^{ncy} and Council accordingly.

About the Nanticoke Indians. His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to aske his Hono^r Coll Hutchins, whether or no he can inform anything concerning the s^d Indian being troublesome or anywaies disorderly, who says he is afraid they have some ill Intentions for that there are severall strange Indians amongst them more then used to be, and that their behaviour seems to be more sturdy than formerly & do forbear comeing among the inhabitants.

Ordered that according to a proposall this day agreed to, the severall persons appointed by Act of Assembly for deciding difference betwixt the English & Indians go once or twice a week & visit the said Indians & Inquire what strange Indians are among them, and in what posture they are, who are to be paid out of the Publick for their trouble therein; it being thought for his Majesties Service. And if anything extraordinary happens; that they imediately send his Ex^{ncy} notice and give the Militia Officers an account thereof that they may prepare themselves in a readiness.

Vpon Representation, Ordered that the Co^mmiss^{rs} of the respective County Courts and the Persons appointed for deciding differences betwixt the English & Indians take special care (during these disturbances & Commotions) to see the severall acts of Assembly of this Province, concerning selling Syder to the Indians and divulging false news be putt in strict execution & duly observed.

His Ex^{ncy} is pleased to putt the question & know the opinion of the severall Gentlemen present, how & out of what Counties the fifteen men shall be raised that are to strengthen the Garrison and ffrontiers at Potomock. Whereupon it is agreed that the Same be raised proportionably out of Ann Arrundell, Calvert, S^t Maries, and Charles Counties, the Colonells whereof are to take care to impress them, but if Volunteers can be afterwards procured that then they be taken.

That Richard Owen of Ann Arrundell County be Cap^t over the s^d Men and Gyles Hill of S^t Maries County the Leutenant.

Recommended th^t the Hono^{ble} Coll In^o Addison who lives convenient to the head of Potomock and has been already very serviceable in those parts, be appointed and have power to go & Vissit the Garrison & said men once a fortnight, for w^{ch} he may be satisfied out of the publick:

p. 573 That if the said men cannot find themselves wth necessary Provisions so that they need not quitt their posts in looking after it; it is proposed to Coll Addison whether he will fur-