

and Grand Jury of the Provinciall Court the Committee for Lib. H. D.
laying the leavy and the Gentlemen that went upon the
Indian treaty (who are most of them now gone out of Town)
for to go to his Ex^{ncy} Sr Edmund Andros in Virginia, upon
his Maj^{tes} and the Countreys service; therefore in point of
state cannot be altered; but if they have anything in matter
of Law to urge, it will be referred to his Maj^{tes} Lawyers to be
consulted. And it is withall signified that before anything of
this happening the s^d Esq^r Tench made all the Interest and
used all the Arguments he could to be excused from under-
taking the s^d Negotiation, w^{ch} was not admitted off; therefore
being so solemnly appointed upon an affair of so high nature,
the motion cannot be granted; but that if upon his return
they have anything to offer, it will be considered.

It being generally reported that there is a Spring or two of
water in St Maryes County arising out of some Land belong-
ing to Cap^t In^o Dent of Charles County, commonly known
and called by the name of the Coole springs; w^{ch} water is
said to be lately discovered to have a very medicinal and
healing quality in it & proves very effectual to the curing all
sorts of distempers and diseases of body and th^t abundance
of impotent, lame and diseased people do dayly flock thither
for cure & receive great benefitt thereby.

Ordered that strict inquiry be made by the s^d Cap^t Dent &
others living neer that place, what persons have by virtue of
the s^d water been cured, and of what manner of distempers,
and in what nature; and that care be taken to have them
summoned to make Oath thereto before some Magistrate, the
w^{ch} is to be Recorded in the County Court, where such Oath
is taken, and an Authentick Copy thereof transmitted unto his
Ex^{ncy} wth all convenient speed.

The following Address was presented from the Com^{mittee}
appointed for laying the Publick leavy by the hands of the
Hono^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq^r and M^r W^m Bladen Clerk of
the s^d Com^{mittee} Viz^t

Port of Annapolis October 22nd 1697.

By the Com^{mittee} for apportioning the publick Leavy this
present 1697.

May it please your Excellency.

fforasmuch as we find there is 20053^l of Tobb^o due to
severall persons, who by the last Sessions of Assembly were
sent upon the Indian treaty; and since this Com^{mittee} have not
tobacco left wherewithall to discharge the same. We humbly
request yo^r Ex^{ncy} will be favourably pleased to borrow so