

Lib. H. D. having first drawn the heads of our Instructions into Writing, as proposalls to lay before his Ex^{ncy} w^{ch} we presented to his Ex^{ncy} who rec^d & read the same & return'd for answer, that since the Matter had been so maturely considered on as was
 p. 598 expressed he thought convenient to take some time to consider of suitable answers; We desired to know what time or methods his Ex^{ncy} would take to consider and returne answer; to w^{ch} his Ex^{ncy} replied th^t if we desired it he would instantly return such a verball answer as he could; but if we would stay longer he would endeavour to return an answer suitable to the concern in Writing, wherein he would endeavour not to be wanting in anything; to w^{ch} we replied it was not our intent or desire to straiten his Ex^{ncy} in point of time, but that it was our business & we would waite on his Ex^{ncy} till he should please to say he had no other answer to give us; Not but that if his Ex^{ncy} would give us a verball answer & Sah that he had no further answer to give, we would returne wity that & returne it as well as we could. His Ex^{ncy} replied, he would advise & return a suitable answer, for w^{ch} we thanked his Ex^{ncy} stayed there, dined and at night return'd to Iames Town. Coll^o Bird was present during the above Communication, and the Copy of the proposalls is hereunto annexed.

Saturday 6th Novem^r We stay'd in Iames Town and understood that his Ex^{ncy} had appointed a Councill to meet at Iames Towne on Tuesday following.

Sunday 7th His Ex^{ncy} Invited us to dinner. After Sermon we went, and his Ex^{ncy} after dinner came back with us to Evening Sermon.

Monday 8th Novem^r His Ex^{ncy} lent us two horses & men, and we went to see the Colledge and return'd at night.

Tuesday 9th Novem^r We dined in the Hall at Iames Towne, with the Govern^r and Councill, to wit, Coll Lee, Coll^o Bird Coll^o Ienings, Coll^o Hill, M^r Tench being taken very ill at Table was constrained to depart to his Lodgings and to bedd. After Dinner, his Ex^{ncy} sent M^r Sherlock the Clerk of the Councill to us, that the Govern^r and Councill were ready to see us, but by reason of the indisposition afores^d. We were not both able to attend and therefore sent word, we desired till next day, and it was granted.

Wednesday 10th Novem^r We again dined wth the Govern^r & Councill in the Hall; and after dinner the Govern^r & Councill sate and sent the Clerk again to us, and we attended where Chaires being sett for us after we were sett downe, His Ex^{ncy} was pleased to say that he had laid our proposalls before the Gentlemen of the Council, w^{ch} he had caused to come there to consult thereon; was sorry that the other Gentlemen of the Councill were not there, to whome he had also sent;