

Lib. X.

March the 10th 1697/8

The Council again set & were

Present

His Excellency Fra Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l

Collonel Henry Iowles

Collonel George Robotham

Thomas Tench Esq^r

Collonel Iohn Addison

Thomas Brooke Esq^r

His Excellency is pleased to deliver unto the hono^{ble} Coll^o Geo Robotham & Thomas Tench Esq^{rs} Iudges of his Majestys Courts of Vice Admiralty on the Eastern and Western Shores their Excellencys the Lords Iustices Proclamation for publishing the peace between his Majesty and the French King & the Articles of peace for the peculiar use of the said Courts as likewise was pleased to Order another to be delivered to the Clerk of the Provincial Office there to be Lodged for the publick resource of all persons.

Several persons that were formely Concerned about Indian Affairs where sent for who Came accordingly viz^t Captain Hoskins Major Smalwood M^r Will^m Hutchinson Major Walter Smith M^r Wright, M^r Hall & Lieu^t Coll^o Iohn Thompson.

His Excellency is pleased to them tell that he sent for them at this time as being formerly Concerned about the Indian Affairs which is one of the chief Occasions of his now Calling the Assembly & that he had Ordered the Clerk to have all the papers relating to that matter ready which were Given to them for their peruseall & after they had perused the same his Excellency was pleased to ask them whether there was everything that they Could Remember.

Where they make answers there was.

p. 3 And thereupon are delivered to be all ready against the house Sat & in the Interim to recollect themselves if they Could think of anything else

His Honour Col^o Robotham is pleased to acquaint his Excellency & this Board that he was informed by some Ship Carpenters that there were lately two Frenchmen that were lately discovered in Philadelphia in Indian Apparel whereupon it is thought necessary that the matter should be represented to the house

Present

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