

Lib. X. Chief Justice of the Provincial Court the said M^r Crawford does Confess and Acknowledge that he knows Nothing of truth in any one of them

Two Papers being produced to the Board under the hand & Seal of M^r Philip Clark to which he had Signed as Deputy Collector to Geo Muschamp Esq^r Collector of Potomack District his Excellency is pleased to ask him by what Power he Acted in that Station who says he did by Virtue of a Deputation from the said M^r Muschamp

Ordered that the said Papers be Referred to his Maj^{stys} Lawyers for prosecution of the Parties Culpable according to Law

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Friday April the 15th 1698

The Council again Sate & were present as Yesterday

Col^o Ninian Beal came & gave the following Acco^t of what was done towards the Settlement of the New Rangers Viz^t

That on Wednesday last was Seven Night he went to Col^o Addison & sent to Captain Owen to meet him there but the said Captain Owen being out in the Woods did not Come in till Saturday at which time he Came in Col^o Addisons & being by the said Col^o Addison & himself discoursed with about this Affair Col^o Addison sent a Couple of Messengers to the Fort to Order the Rangers there to meet him at W^m Taynhills the next day where they meet accord^{sly} & Chose ten fitting Men out of the said Rangers to Serve under the said Col^o Beal & Captain Owen Viz^t five a Piece And did Appoint Two men out of each Party to Shell ab^t Twenty Bushels of Indian Corn in order to their Speedy Settlement & have as yet proceeded no further

A Presentment of the Grand Jury of the Provincial Court being here produced & read wherein they had presented the Iustices high Sheriffs & Clerk of Prince Georges County for Levying & receiving Several Sums of Tobacco of the Inhabitants of that County Contrary to Law

The honble S^r Thomas Lawrence Bar^r his Maj^{stys} Secretary is pleased thereon to Observe that he knew Nothing of such Exaction Perpetrated by the Clerk of that County before therefore disclaims any Property in the Tenths of Such Tobacco as the said Clerk hath so illegally Received and with all Signifies that he will take Care to displace him & Constitute Some other fit & Capable Person in his Stead

p. 37 It is thought Convenient that the Provincial Court be Adjourned till the Last Tuesday in Augst next & Ordered accordingly

Ordered that Iohn Hazlewood one of the Coroners of