

Acts, and have soe well provided for our defence that I fancy P. R. O.  
 the Indians will not be forward to perpetrate their wicked designe against us or if they be wee shall not be taken Tardy or be killed in our bedds: if my intelligence be true the Indians have been and still are prompted by the french Jesuits and other missionarys to forsake the English for a French interest and rather than the Jesuits should fail of compassing these ends they have instigated their Indian Proselites to cut all our Throats if they could, the five nations are said to be much Corrupted and debauched by the Jesuites but I hope to prevent them effectually with those Indians and am now in the way of doeing it if the five Nations should withdraw their obedience fo. 11  
 from the King. I fear Virginia and yo<sup>r</sup> Province would not Subsist many months where you have noe townes to be a retreat and Security to yo<sup>r</sup> People

Which being read and considered of in a full house it is Resolved that the Publick of this Province ought not in any wise to be burthened with the charge of running out the said line. And as to the Parragraph of the Earle of Bellemonts Letter relateing to ye Indians this, house haveing noe p<sup>r</sup>sent apprehension of any danger from the Enemy but on all occasions shall be allways ready to comply with what is necessary

And orderd that a message be drawne up and sent giving his Ex<sup>cy</sup> thanks for communicateing the same to this house w<sup>ch</sup> followeth

By the house of Dellegates Aprill 29 1700

This house haveing read and perused as well the last message by the hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll<sup>l</sup> Jowles and Coll<sup>l</sup> Hutchins as alsoe the order of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> relateing to running out a divisionall Line between the Lord Baltemore and W<sup>m</sup> Penn Esq<sup>r</sup>, and the house haveing taken it in consideration, humbly conceive that the Publick of this Province ought not to be at any parte of the charge in running out such line

Wee returne yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> thanks for communicateing the Parragraph of the Earle of Bellemonts Lettre relateing to the Indians w<sup>ch</sup> was alsoe read in this house and wee haveing noe present apprehension of any Danger from the Enemy but upon all Occasions shalbe ready to comply with what shalbe necessary

Signed p Order

W. Taylard Clk  
 house of Dellegates

Order<sup>d</sup> that M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Loockerman and M<sup>r</sup> Hicks carry the said Message to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Councill

The Committee of Election and Priviledges enter the house and doe reporte that they have Examined and inspected the