

present Grievance complained of in those parts is an Indulgence to Pyrates and a Neglect of the Acts of Navigation and Trade, You have had an Oportunity to shew what you will do us to the former, and I do not doubt but the Same Integrity will Appear in all the parts of your Trust, I have great Confidence likewise that M^r Pen gives over with a Resolution to wipe off the Imputation that propriety Governno^{rs} ly under as if they Pursued private Interest distinct from those of the Nation while you have both the Same publick Ends in View Lib. H. D.
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 You will go on in concert towards the Attaining them, and I wish you Success & reputation in all your Endeavours, I am
 S^r Yo^r most faithfull humble Serv^t
 Ia: Vernon

At a Council held at the Town and Port of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County the 4th day of October 1699 & in the Eleventh year of the Reign Of our Soveign Lord William the 3^d by the Grace of God of England Scotl^d France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c^a Lib. X.
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Present

His Exc^y Nath^l Blakiston Esq^r Gov^r in chief

the honble { Thomas Tench Esq^r
 Coll^o Iohn Addison
 Thomas Brooke Esq^r
 Col^o Iohn Hammond } of his Maj^{ty}s Council

His Excellency acquaints the Gentlemen pres^t that the occasion of his now calling them together was to advise & consider what Party of Rangers would be sufficient to be kept out Ranging this winter Season for Security of the Frontires & whereas the said Rangers were a great charge to the Country whether a lesser Number then at present kept out might not Suffice provided a Sufficient Number were sent out early in the spring

Colonel Ninian Beal being called in gives an Account of two hundred Seneca Indians that had lately passed over Susquehannah

Advised that whereas the Indians are such Suddain & uncertain Enemyes that the same number of men be kept out viz^t two Officers with eight men & that due care be taken to have the said Rangers paid what is due in Arrears to them

Whereupon it is likewise further ordered that a former order of this Board to the honble Coll^o Iohn Addison & M^r William Tanyhill be by them Observed to see the Mens Accounts made up & their Quarters paid off p. 225