

Women & Children dead, Supposed of the Small pox. So that they had left their Forte, where they have a greate deal of Corne in their Cabbins and all the last Years Corne Standing.

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His Ex^{ncy} asks Col Smallwood if he thinks the Inhabitants on the Eastern Branch may be secure without keeping out Rangers. Col Smallwood answers that He Cannot say but believes the matter might be better Settled by further discouraging them.

The Petition of the Inhabitants on the Eastern Branch of Potowmeck read praying to be better Secured from the Insults of the Indians. The said Petition with other papers relating to the Indians sent to the House by Col Hamond & M^r Coursey.

Major Taylor and M^r Dollahyde bring from the House the following Message Viz.

By the House of Delegates

Dec^r 7th 1704

Upon reading Your Hono^{rs} Message this Day p Col Holland & James Sanders Esq^r for Assisting in framing a Bill for Reliefe of the Inhabitants of Ann-Arundell County in relation to the Records burnt in the State House. This House have Considered the Same and in Answer thereto Resolved that leave is given to the said County to bring in a Bill for their Reliefe. And Ordered that the Delegates of the said County prepare a Bill for that Purpose

Signed p Ord^r W Taylard Clk house Del.

Major Taylor & M^r Dollahyde also brought in the Agreem^t of the House with Colonel Dorsey for the Rent of his Greate House for the Assembly and Courts to Sitt in at twenty pounds Sterl p Ann : Which was assented to by this Boarde & returned to the house by M^r Sanders.

It being represented to the Boarde that Col William Dent Who was the Attorney of S^r Thomas Laurence (her Ma^{ty}s Secry of this Province now in England) is lately dead, and no other Person in the County impowered thereunto, It is thought fitting that this Boarde give order to Some person to take care of S^r Thomas^s Interest.

Whereupon the Boarde being informed that the said S^r Thomas Laurence had assigned and made over all the Fees proffitts and Perquisitts of his Secry's office to William Bladen for the Satisfaction and payment of two hundred and forty pounds sterl. 115293 of tob^o The said William Bladen is thought the properest person to take Care of those ffees And Whereas it is absolutely necessary that the said S^r Thomas's