

Freeborne saith that a Fortnight or three Weeks before M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Cellie Broke prison M<sup>rs</sup> Rachel Freeborne his Mistress Came down to the Shopp and said It was a pittty such a man as Celie should lye In prison and Bad him Assist and gett him Out he says he never saw her in the Shopp before but afterwards Came down with M<sup>r</sup> Greenberry and urged him to help Celie out. Owns that he did lay the file in the prison Window his Mistress said she doubted not to find out Richard Clarke if Celie was out the Smith Said if he did it should come to great Damage and his Master would abuse him and he should lead a life like a dogg She told him if he Could gett Celie out they would Carry him Safe off that she herself Intended to leave her husband and go to the New Country he said he had no mony She bad him never mind it she would provide for him well enough which she supposed to be money she urged him not Long before to Sett the Mill on fire if not by day in the night he further says that when Richard Clarke was in Prison his Mistress before him Wished he was out of Prison for she was afraid he would be hanged and does Verily believe by what she urged him to do for Celie, She thereby hoped to gett him to Assist him out of prison he says that his Said M<sup>rs</sup> said that a ffile would gett of his Irons and then he would gett out of prison well enough, he likewise says his Master Thomas Freeborne is a very honest man and that when Clarke Came to the house he would gett out of his Company as soon as he Could and go to bed and leave him

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The said Humphery is Ordered to w<sup>th</sup> Draw

Came M<sup>r</sup> Muschamp and three other Members with the two following Messages viz.

By the house of Dellegates May 21<sup>st</sup> 1705

May it please Your Ex<sup>ncy</sup>

This house propose it to be the Consideration of Your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and her Matys hon<sup>ble</sup> Council as an Expedient for our future Quiett that Your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Comissionate such psons as many as in Your Wisdom shall seem fitt to Treat with & Renew our former Alliances & Friendshipp with the Seneca and other Indians on the Western Shore and to use the Best Methods they Can think on to discover the Murtherers of our fellow Subjects this being the Most Easy and Rcadly Method we Cann think of and therefore we pray Your Excellancys Concurrence herein &c

Signed p Order W Taylard Cl h D.