

now in the Treasurers hands for the use of the ffree schools L. H. J. to be Erected in the Several Counties.

Coll: Addison from the Upp<sup>r</sup> House Delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message Viz.

By the Upp<sup>r</sup> House of Assembly Octo<sup>r</sup> the 22<sup>d</sup> 1722.

Gentlemen:

His Honour the Gov<sup>r</sup> having Comūnicated to us a Paragraph of Coll: Spotswoods Letter to his Hon<sup>r</sup> of the 13<sup>th</sup> of this Instant October we have sent you a Copy thereof which is as follows Viz:

Another proposition I have to make to yo<sup>r</sup> Indians with respect to Runaway Negroes and Slaves it being a Matter of Importance which must greatly Affect the properties of People in these parts, If Indians be allowed to Harbour our Slaves as the Shuannoos at this Time do and protect them under the pretence of their haveing set such Slaves free.

This Gentlemen we look upon as a Matter of Great Importance to this Province severall of our Own Negroes and Slaves having already run away to the said Indians and Living now among them, which if not in time prevented, may be an Encouragement to greater Numbers of them to do so. Wee therefore recomend this to your Consideracon, as also the Mischievous consequences of the unlawfull and Tumultuous Meetings of Negroes, Who under the pretence of Mirth hatch and contrive all the evill they can of which we have Lately had a remarkable Instance in the barbarous Designe of the Negroes of Virginia; tho happily before Execution Discovered and prevented.

Sign<sup>d</sup> p Ord<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Skippon Cl Up<sup>r</sup> H<sup>o</sup>

Which was read and resolved that this House will further Consider thereof and Ord<sup>r</sup><sup>d</sup> that the foll<sup>o</sup> Message be prepared Viz:

By the Low<sup>r</sup> House of Assembly 8<sup>ber</sup> the 22<sup>d</sup> 1722.

May it Please Your Hon<sup>rs</sup>

We concurr with your Hon<sup>rs</sup> Message of this day by Coll: Addison and shall Consider of proper Measures for the redressing the Agrievances therein complained of with all Convenient Speed.

Signed p Order. M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which was sent to the Upp<sup>r</sup> House by M<sup>r</sup> Humphreys and M<sup>r</sup> Chairs. They return and say they Delivered it. p. 40