

I can think of no better Expedient, than for a Committee of L. H. J. both Houses to make a Collection of them and to reject such as are not Convenient for us, and reenact such as are Suited to our Constitution, in which I shall heartily Concurr

I cannot help Recomendng to your consideration, an affair which may be attended with ill Consequences to the Country if not timely prevented. Some of our Runaway negroes are Harbour'd among the Shawan Indians on Potowmack River; I did with the advice of the Council, engage one of the Magistrates of Prince George's County to give the Cheife of those Indians an Invitation to meet me at Monokosy in order to Settle a Treaty with them, to prevent the Loss of any more of our Slaves as well as to regain those already there; Upon the Indians promise to the Gentleman that went to them, that they would meet me I went as far as the mountain with Some of the Council, and Severall other Gentlemen, But tho' we Stay'd above the appointed time, The Indians (for what Reasons I cannot tell) never Came. We then thought it proper to send a Messenger to know their Reasons for not Coming and he brought me Answer from them that they would Certainly Come to Annapolis during the Assemblys Sitting, so that there will be an opportunity of Concerting such measures as may prevent the Evils Complain'd of for the future. As I have had Occasion to mention the Council in this Transaction, I cannot but think those Gentlemen deserve their Usual allowance in attending the publick busieness; and were the Case put to any man as his own, I believe he must be of the same opinion

Gentlemen

I shall Conclude with Recomendng the necessary Dispatch of the publick affaires, as well as Temper, and moderation in Your Debates for as nothing can Conduce more to the well being of a people, Than Good Will towards one another; So nothing can be more Destructive to the publick Wellfare than unreasonable Jarring and Violent Passions.

Cha: Calvert

Of all which the further Consideration is Referr'd till to-morrow

The House proceeds to Choose their Clerke and Michael p. 198 Jenifer is unanimously Chosen.

Ordered that M^r Crabb and Cap^t Hooper Go to the Upper House to see him Qualified. They return and Say they see him Qualified