

Tuesday Morning 26 Oct^r 1742

U. H. J.
October 26

This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as yesterday

The following Message is sent by George Plater Esq^r

By the Upper House of Assembly 26 Oct^r 1742

Gentlemen

We herewith send you a Message to Both Houses of Assembly from his Excellency the Governor; and as It relates to an Affair of the greatest Importance to the Country, We doubt not but you will give it a speedy and impartial Consideration

Signed p Order John Ross C^t Up H.

Gentlemen of the Upper & Lower houses of Assembly

Although the ill Designs of the Shawan Indians (very probably excited by the French) as well as the Indians living amongst Us, were so happily discovered, and prevented being carried into Execution; yet I am of Opinion that It is absolutely necessary, for the Preservation of the Lives, and Security of the Property of his Majestys Subjects within this Province, according to the Example of the Neighbouring Governments; to enter into a Treaty with the Six Nations, who, by all the Accounts I have, are not only more numerous and formidable than all the other neighbouring Indians together, but also more to be relied on, in Case of a Rupture with France: To this End a Messenger was sent to invite them hither, in hopes that it would have suited them to come while the Assembly was sitting, and that Everything needful might have been transacted with them, with the Advice Concurrence and Approbation of the whole Legislature; but their Answer to the Messenger was, that the Season of the Year would be so far advanced before they could return home, that they could not conveniently come till the Spring: And as you are sensible that their Coming then must be troublesome, as well as expensive; and that the Calling of an Assembly on that Occasion (which can't be avoided) would greatly encrease the Publick Charge; so I have thought of this Expedient to prevent it, as well as to lessen the Expence Viz. to send Comm^{rs} either to Albany, or such other Place as may be thought more convenient to treat with the said Indians: If you approve of this Expedient I desire you'll appoint Two of Your Members of Each house as Commissioners for that Purpose

Thomas Bladen

Read the second time the Bill Entituled An Act to enable the Rector Vestrymen and Churchwardens for the time being of S^t Anns Parish in Ann Arundel County to lease certain Lotts in the City of Annapolis in manner and to the Uses therein mentioned; passed and sent by Sam^l Chamberlain Esq^r