

Ordered, That Col. Harrison and Mr. Handy, do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when, and where, he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified that he would be ready to receive the Address immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 47
March 5

Ordered, That Mr. J. Goldsborough, and Five more, do present the Address to his Excellency.

Mr. J. Goldsborough from the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, viz.

By the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, March 5, p. 391
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From the Representation of several Clergymen, and other Members, of the Church of England, made to your Committee last Session, we find, that the Growth of Popery within this Province hath become notorious, by the public Preaching of their Priests, and their perverting many of his Majesty's loyal Protestant Subjects, as also by corrupting the Minds of the Youth in teaching School publicly, either by themselves or others of their Communion, and that the Papists send their Children to Saint Omers for Education, out of the King's Obedience and Allegiance, many of which return into this Province Priests or Jesuits and propagate their dangerous Doctrine with great Industry and without Controul.

And further, that it is a common Practice, as well among the Popish Priests as other Papists, to pervert Servants and Negroes of Protestants, whereby they gain an Influence and Authority over them, which upon any intestine Commotion or foreign Invasion, might probably be of fatal Consequence to his Majesty's Protestant Subjects of Maryland.

Upon the whole, your Committee apprehend, that the several Matters above recited, together with the large Possessions of the Jesuits, and the Vicinity of the French, must endanger the Peace of this Province, and the Repose of all his Majesty's Colonies upon this Continent; but is humbly submitted to the Consideration of your Honourable House.

Signed per Order, William Wilkins, Clerk.

On motion of a Member, That the Lands formerly by an Act of Assembly intituled, An Act to impower Commissioners to appoint and Cause to be laid out 3000 Acres of Land, on Broad-Creek, in Somerset County, for the Use of the Nanticoke Indians, so long as they shall Occupy the same, to be laid out for the Broad-Creek Indians; and, in Pursuance thereof, were possessed by them, but are now totally Deserted, were vested in the Trustees mentioned in the same Act and their Heirs, for the Use of the said Indians so long