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But lest the same provisions have therefore for his Majesty
service & the more ease & beauty of the Country thought
fit to Order as also to Authorise appoint & improve the
Honble Coll^o John Addison to raise ten men & two Captains
to command those Men who are to range by turns & Observe
& follow the same. Instructions as the present Rangers who
are to be paid accordingly to Act of Assembly but it is Ordered
that Captain Brightwell be not one of those two Officers
which said Men & Officers are to be raised with all Expedi-
tion possible & placed some where convenient for strengthe-
ning the Frontier Plantations as the said Coll^o Addison
shall find & most Serviceable to his Majesty & safety of the
Country it being thought unnecessary to keep them at the
Garrison now for there is a peace & no fear of any French
or other Indians attacking those parts besides the Return of
the Piscataway Indians may now about this time be expect-
ed whether if they come at all yet it is thought necessary that
the Old Rangers be still continued and kept in Service &
pay until the New ones be rightly equipped & established
but afterwards be dismissed & disbanded which is ordered
Accordingly April the 3rd 1698

The Council again sat & were present as Yesterday
Produced and read a petition of William Piper Gilbert Nor-
ris & Nicholas Pumarrey Masters of Ships praying a Re-
gister of their respective Ships
April the 11th 1698

The Council again sat & were present as on Saturday
Mr Jenkins & Major Thompson two of the Justices
of the Provincial Court humbly move that whereas they
have attended at the time of the Assembly & the one being a
Naval Officer & the other sick they may be Excused from stay-
ing this Provincial Court & have leave to return home