

Friday April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1698

The Council again, had<sup>d</sup> were present as Yesterday  
 Col<sup>l</sup> Mendenhall came & gave the following Account  
 of what happened towards the Settlement of the new River  
 you viz  
 That on Wednesday last was seven Night he went  
 to Col<sup>l</sup> Addison & some of his Men to meet him there  
 but the said Captain Owen being out in the Woods did not  
 come in till Saturday at which time he came in Col<sup>l</sup> Addi-  
 son & being by the said Col<sup>l</sup> Addison & himself discoursed  
 with about this Affair Col<sup>l</sup> Addison sent a couple of Mes-  
 sengers to the Fort to Order the Rangers there to meet him  
 at W<sup>m</sup> Tayntalls the next day where they met accord-  
 & chose ten fitting Men out of the said Rangers to serve  
 under the said Col<sup>l</sup> Mendenhall & Captain Owen viz five a piece  
 that did appoint two men out of each party to shell ab-  
 & twenty Bushels of Indian Corn in order to their speedy  
 Settlement & have as yet proceeded no further

A Presentment of the Grand Jury of the Provin-  
 cial Court being here produced & read wherein they had  
 presented the Justices High Sheriffs & Clerk of Peace  
 of Georges County for levying & receiving Several Sums of  
 Tobacco of the Inhabitants of that County Contrary to Law

The humble 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Lawrence Bar<sup>tr</sup> his May  
 Secretary is pleased thereon to Observe that he knew No-  
 thing of such Exaction perpetrated by the Clerk of that  
 County upon therefore disclaims any Property in the said  
 of such Tobacco as the said Clerk hath so illegally Received  
 and with all signifies that he will take Care to displace  
 him & constitute some other fit & Capable Person in  
 his stead