

Council held April the 9th 1705

Present.

His Excellency the Governour
The Hon^{ble} Thomas Finch Esq^r Col^l John Hamon
Lt Col^l William Holland James Sanders Esq^r and
Col^l Thomas Enalls.

His Excellency is Pleas'd to Speak as fol-
loweth viz^t.

Gentlemen. I Doubt not but you
will do me the Justice to acknowledge I never
desird ~~anything~~ of this Hon^{ble} Board without his
Majesty's Immediate Service and the welfare
and peace of your Country required it. Therefore
I hope you will put the reasons of my
Meting of you now into the severall underwritten
distinct Questions. Which I doubt not you will
Answer with as much candour as his Majesty's
Hon^{ble} Council always ought to do, to all honest
well meaning Governour viz^t -

1st - In relation to the Matter of the Indians. The
whole proceedings whereof since our Recy^t shall be
said before you; Next whether in this time of
Danger the Rangers ought to be withdrawn or
Put under the Conduct of a more knowing person
than Lt. Parle's Beale not having done his duty
with any sort of Discipline or Pence in relation
to the apprehending or securing Runners