

Articles of Peace with the Indians Read before they are signed

The Lower House being come & the Articles of Peace read were signed by the Governour & Speaker both Houses being present

Then was read the Act for Confirmation of the Articles of Peace with the Indians both Houses being present Voted to pass

upon the Petition of John Nuttall for satisfaction for Entertaining the Indians being in number about twenty Ordered that it be referred to the Consideration of the Lower House

The Governour ordered the Chancellour to go to the Lower House to desire them to hasten some Bill or other concerning the defence of the Province against the Cinago Indians which was the chiefest Cause of the Governours Calling the Assembly being for that Cause petitioned so to do

To the honourable the Burgesses of this present Assembly

The humble Petition of William Smith
Sheweth — That your Petitioner having undertaken to build a Stadt House for the accomodation of the Country in such manner as to your Honours is generally known Now so it is may it please your Honours that Tobacco proving so bad a Commodity No workman can be procured by your Petitioner to make good his promise they refusing to work for Tobacco likewise the payment being so generally known to lye much dispersed & then to be collected by the Sherriff before accounts by the Sherriff are returned which is usually very late, Shipping is gone out of the Country, and thereby your Petitioner damnified both in his Credit & loss of Tob^o lying in his hands
The Premises considered your Petitioner humbly begs your Honours to release his obligation of building the House a^{ft} he being willing to repay all such Tob^o as by Sherriffs acct^s shall appear by him to be received, likewise that your Honours will take care that speedier payments & Returns be by all Sherriffs made of all Ordinary Debts whatsoever without which your Petitioner is totally ruined & disabled from the continuance of his Employment
And he as in Duty bound shall pray &c.

On which Petition was Endowed viz

April 19th 1666

In the Lower House of Assembly
W^m Smith having preferred the within Petition unto this House upon reading thereof the said Smith being seen & demanded whether or no he was willing to be bound to build a lesser House for the Country's accomodation that might not require so long time in building & finishing the same for many Workmen & other requisite Provisions as that former house which he was enjoined to build would have done. And he thereunto answered