

Signed Order

W Bladen (Chapman)

Number thereof by Underwriting and Indorsed as follows viz

By his Excellency the Governor & Council May the 11 1696

This Board have considered the Petition and request to believe the matters therein contained to be true but considering the Representative Body now met together are incapable of Judging therein is left to their Excellency with that Pleas'd to Recommend again to the House a certain proposal laid before them relating to the appointing several Persons for to manage that Office and bringing Tobacco to certain places and that they would inquire against the next year if any Persons will undertake the same through out whole year before hand for People to make their Proposals thereabouts

The said several Bills, Petitions and Representations with Remarks thereon were sent down to the House by Col^l Hutchins and Col^l Addison who return and say they delivered the same

Sent by the Clerk of this Board the Return of the Indenture for Election of Burgesses in Prince Georges County who returns and says he delivered the same

Came from the House Captain William Dent who signified that he was sent to desire some of the Gentlemen of the Council might go down to the House to swear the new Returned Members for Prince Georges County and Calvert County and accordingly went down by Order the Hon^{ble} Col^l Nicholas Greenbury and Col^l Addison attended by the Clerk of this Board who accordingly administered the Oaths appointed by the Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy unto Mr^r Hutton Col^l Mervin Beal Mr^r W^m Barton and Mr^r James Crauford who also subscribed to the Test

✓ May the 12th 1696 ✓

The Council again sat and were Present as yesterday

Read over the request of the House touching Indians as follows viz

Col^l Herman acquainting the House that the Seniquis and Susquehannocks together with the Shevander Indians have desired peace with this Province & that they might be in league and trade with us. The House desire his Excellency if he thinks it may be beneficial to this Province to enter into a peace with them that he would take such measures therein as he shall approve of

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Then was drawn up and laid before the House the following Order and proposals which came answered in manner following

1 Upon reading a Pursuit of the request of the House touching Indians &c