

June the 4 1697 (1939)

The Council again late and were Present as yesterday

The Gentlemen appointed by the House to go upon the Indian treaty came and signified their leaving leave of the House to proceed on their Journey accordingly desiring to know if this should hinder any thing further in command for them they are told that this Board have no further to say to them then what they have already in charge in the several Articles and Proposals for said treaty some instructions which were by Order drawn up and committed to the House and afterwards a copy thereof delivered them together with the several Articles in Charge given from the Assembly and former Articles of peace. The Instructions following in these words Viz

INSTRUCTIONS to the Gentlemen employed to go upon the Treaty to the Piscataway Indians &c

1st You are to make the best of your way to Captain Masons in Virginia whom you are to acquaint the reasons of your coming thither and to signify whether you are going as also shew him what has been done by the Government therein

2 You are to write to his Excellency Sir Edmund Andros whilst you are there to let him know that you are come so far on your Journey from the Government of Maryland with Instructions and power to treat with the Piscataway Indians to whom you are directly going and that you make all the good you can thither

3 You are to keep a fair Journall of all your proceedings and make what dispatch you can back again from the said Indians to Captain Masons in Virginia where you are to write again to his Excellency Sir Edmund Andros under cover to him a fair copy of your Journall and proceedings under all your hands directly

4 You are from thence to make what hat you can into Maryland and send by one of the Gentlemen impowred a full and perfect copy of your Journal and proceedings so as above to be taken unto his Excellency the Governour and his Majesty's honourable Council under your hands and Seals respectively with all possible speed

By Order Henry Denton Clerk

From the Port of Annapolis in Maryland June 4 1697

The honble Col^o Thomas Tench Esq^r Col^o Schuiddaen and Thomas Brack Esq^r being appointed to go with the aforementioned members upon the said treaty take leave accordingly and go

Another copy of the Articles in relation to the Indian treaty being pursuant to Order prepared to be sent to his Excellency Sir Edmund Andros his Majesty's Governour of Virginia was accordingly enclosed in a Letter writt by Order and signed by his Excellency and the Board as follow viz

Sir Maryland Port Annapolis June the 4 1697

This is by Express to acquaint your Excellency what we have done concerning the Piscataway and Accoick Indians and enclosed is the proceedings thereupon both of the House of Delegates his Majesty's honourable Council & of Governour of Virginia

Your humble Servant Jo^o Nicholson

Came Mr Thomas Collier Naval Officer of the port of Williamstadt and made Oath before his Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council &c to his Naval Officers Account this day exhibited at the Board

Came Major Thomas Smithson Treasurer for the Eastern Shore and made Oath in like manner to his Treasurers Account in like manner here produced

Read a Bill empowering the Commissioners of each respective County to purchase Lands for the use of their respective Counties

Proposed that a Clause be added that where Count Houses stand not in Towns the Trustees of the Counties be impowred to purchase 40 or 50 Acres of Land for Commencement of Parsonage for the Suits Houses &c

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His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General &c