

Provincial Court whereby no Charge may be made to the County and to be removed according to the Impoverishment of the Major Part of them but that Major Thompson is one of the said committed by reason thereof no Provincial Justice belonging to that County

As to the last resolve about paying his Majesty's Council 50 in money at 8 Pence this Board don't think fit to agree thereto at present till they see the Levy appointed Proposed at the request of Mr. Wickman that the said Mr. Wickman should be allowed by some of the members and return their opinion which was the same to be substantial and good he having 53 odd money in his hands for finishing thereof

Brought from the House of Delegates a certain message concerning Feries which was read as follows viz By the House of Delegates June the 5 1697

To being Represented to this House by the Delegates of Kent County that they have two Feries in their County viz one kept by Mr. Daniel Fox over the head of Chester River which is the main road to and from the new County and that the said Fox has no Satisfaction therefore from the County for such but is encouraged to keep the same through the permission of the Justice of the County Court that he might keep Ordinary without paying for License which said permission the Justice were induced to Grant upon a late Ordinance of Assembly and also they have one other ferry over Chester River kept by one Isaac Clarke which is a County ferry and the said Clarke by reason of such permission Granted keeping the same much cheaper

Forasmuch as the said Ordinary seems to be Scandalous and the Ferry men in danger to be presented we humbly desire your Excellency and Councils Concurrence with this House in confirming the said Ordinance and allowing such toleration

Signed by Order W. Bladen Secy. Des

Ordered that an answer thereto be given which was as follows viz

By his Excellency the Governor and Council June 7 1697

To the Message of the House dated the 5 instant in relation to permitting some persons keeping publick ferry to keep Ordinary license free pursuant to a former Ordinance this Board do say that there never was any such Ordinance but do Remember a proposal formerly made to that Effect on condition the House would agree to making publick ferries throughout the Country but was rejected however if the House are willing to revive the proposal it will be presented to his Honour Sir Thomas Lawrence who is chiefly interested therein being very willing to set aside his right on condition assigned otherwise expects his dues to be full pursuant to his Majesty's Royal Gift to him of those matters

Signed by Order Henr. Denton Secy. Council

Proposed that an Ordinance be made to appoint some persons to look after the work that Remains to be done about the State House as also about the Church and School House works

That care be taken to have the remainder of the laws Engraved

The foregoing messages were sent down to the House by the Gentleman Col. Nicholas Greenberry who returns and says he delivered the same

June the 8 1697

The Council again sat and were Present as Yesterday except the honorable Col. Henry Jones

Brought from the House of Delegates by Major Dent Major Hammond and Captain Hill the answer of the House to the several Queries contained in the Letter of the right Honble the Lords of the Council for Trade and foreign Plantations laid before them as follows viz

Several Queries & in their Lordships letter viz The Lords of the Council for Trade and plantations laid before the House as followeth the 4th Query viz

4 Few or no Families are come into this Province to reside especially from Pennsylvania & few or none removed from hence to the proper Province of Pennsylvania only some single Persons mostly Women are of late come from England or Ireland in the quality of Servants about sixty souls and some few of the meanest Inhabitants to avoid the Prosecution of