

the Scarcity of Workmen and Labourers and their high wages is the chief and only difficulty
in procuring the workmen of which there is an unaccountable quantity

16 The sole and only manufactures or rather produce of this Province for merchandise or
for supply in Tobacco

Of late the inhabitants on the west side of Delaware Bay settling to the Westward from
that Bay and the Inhabitants holding lands by Grant from the right Honourable the
Lord Proprietor of this Province seeing the same from the great Bay so far that now
they inform us is already become and is like to be occasion of contention unless
prevented by timely ascertaining the bounds of each Province

And the Justices of Pennsylvania have issued orders to our fugitive Miners Ser-
vants and others refusing to deliver them back except we can accuse them of Felony
or that the Fugitives belong only to his Majesty's men of war to the very great Prejudice
of the Inhabitants of this Province

Signed Order W. Bladen Esq. De

The same are well approved of by his Excellency and his Majesty's Honourable Coun-
cil the following Queries being only offered which were ordered to be drawn up and laid
before the House viz

By his Excellency the Governor and Council June the 8 1697

The Houses answer to the several Queries of the right Honourable the Lords of the
Council for Trade and foreign Plantations is received and well approved of the following
Queries being only offered viz

6 Article Query Whether Somerset and Dorchester Counties do not partly employ them-
selves upon Woollen Manufactures

8 Article Indian Corn and Wheat are likewise exported and Query Whether Pennsylvania
and New England men do not bring in Wooden Ware

11 Query whether all single ships are obliged to call upon his Excellency he is Summed
Andros in Virginia especially the ships now in the Country pursuant to that Order

12 Query Whether the Report of Pennsylvania and Carolina putting forward Manufac-
ture and Handycraft Trades be not one reason that causes many persons to go out of
this Province to those places and another reason by persons holding such large tracts of
Land

13 Query if the land at the head of the Bay were well settled and cultivated the Soil thereof
would not be proper to produce all manner of English Grain whereby to furnish the Pro-
vince with flour bread and Bree

14 Query what sort of force is the best way to secure the Province

15 Query what methods are best to be taken for the conversion of Indians

16 Query what Return is best to be made about the militia of the Province

The same being sent by the Honourable Col. Greenberry and Col. Court the ninth instant
came answered from the House severally as follows viz

6 Answer this House do not know that Somerset and Dorchester Counties did employ
themselves in Woollen manufactures but upon Inquiry do find that hitherto when
English Goods for Subsistence could not be had for any product of that place some few
Persons out of necessity did attempt making of linnen and Woollen for support of nature
which they were reduced to by necessity and without which many Subjects had Perished
and this House believes that when the like necessity falls on them or any others of this
Province the like preservation will be endeavoured

8 Indian Corn and Wheat are made in this Province but very little exported because
used in the Province and New England men did formerly bring in Wooden Ware but
of late have not brought in any or at least very inconsiderable

11 Answer we know not whether single ships are obliged to call on the Governor of Virginia
or not but if they are is very prejudicial to them and besides their delay a great discourag-
ement to them to come here and Encouragement to them to go there

12 We conceive that few Persons or none have left this Province to go to Pennsylvania
and those that have we understand were induced to do by the Currency of Money there