

The honourable Thomas Finch Esq has leave to return home till Monday

Brought from the House of Delegates March the 12th 1697

May it please your Excellency

It having fallen under the Consideration of this House what time were convenient and convenient to the Rules and Method of Parliament that your Excellency should be present here whilst the House is sitting

We have resolved that the same as it hath not heretofore been usual so brought not now to be practicable therefore humbly desire that when your Excellency please to come for with this House you will vouch us to attend you at the Council Chamber it being more for the grandeur and Honour of the Kings Government that we should there attend your Excellency than that you should give your self the trouble to come down to us we are with all dutiful Respects your Excellency's most humble Servants

Signed by Order W Bladen Esq Com^o De^o

Which being read the following answer was by Order sent viz

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March the 12th 1697/8

The Message sent by Captain Vaughn and others about the Rules and Method of Assembly &c was received and his Excellency in Council is pleased to return for Answer that he is very well satisfied therewith

Signed by Order Hen Denton Esq Com^o

The honourable James Fudy Esq came and was added

A letter to his Excellency from Colonel Jones about Indians dated the 9th of March 1697/8 read and ordered to be laid before the House with the other papers relating to the Affair which is Recommended to the Consideration of the House

His Honour Col^o Jones and Col^o Addison ordered to carry the said Papers and ans^{rs} to the House who return and say it is well

That it be proposed to the House to make a law to revive the discontinued Proce^{ss} of Cecil County Court

Monday March the 14th 1697/8

The Council again sat and were Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General

The honourable

Col^o Henry Jones, Col^o George Robotham, Col^o John Addison
Thomas Brooke Esq, James Fudy Esq

Came M^r William Harris and M^r John Hall who say they were sent from the House to desire that his Honour the Chancellor would please to administer an oath to M^r William Bladen which was accordingly done

Brought from the House of Delegates by Captain Vaughn and three other members the following message which was read viz

By the House of Delegates March the 14th 1697/8

This House being well apprized of an Ordinance made at a Session of Assembly held in May 1696 as by your said Session of Assembly Folio 159 whereby it was Ordained that publick and County ferry men should keep Ordinary without paying for their Licenses and whereas several persons have thereby been Encouraged to keep Ferries expecting the benefit thereby proposed and designed them we humbly Intreat your Excellency that they may not be deprived thereof

Signed by Order W Bladen Esq Com^o De^o

His Excellency is pleased to direct the honourable Colonel Robotham and Colonel Addison to go to the House and Command the Speaker and the whole House in his Majesty's name to attend him in Council here immediately

Accordingly came up M^r Speaker attended with the whole House to whom his Excellency was pleased to express himself to this effect viz

That the chief thing that he summoned them for was concerning the Indians, but