

finding they were fallen upon private Business which he would take some other time to consider of he had sent for them to lay the several papers before them relating to that Affair  
Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet his Majesty's Secretary James and was called  
Lecture came the honorable Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> and was added

Then read the Journal of the Gentlemen that were sent to Virginia upon the Indians Treaty and the several proceedings there in October last

Afterwards read the honorable Esq<sup>r</sup> Tench and Major Duns Journal of the proceedings and Negotiation in Virginia in the matter of the Pequotian Indians and the Governor and Councils Resolutions thereon and upon reading that part where his Excellency Sir Edmund Andros says he would answer the Governor's letter hereafter his Excellency is pleased to declare before the face of the whole Assembly that he never received any answer from Sir Edmund Andros to that matter

All the said papers were accordingly ordered to be accordingly delivered to the Clerk of the House

Afterwards his Excellency was pleased to tell them that as to the message sent on Saturday from the House if they do but consult their former Journal they will find no deviation from their former rules tho' the manner might something differ which his Excellency took to be the speediest and easiest way of dispatching business and having a right understanding of matters however had ordered an answer to be returned thereto that evening of his being well satisfied with the House's Resolutions therein but that the House was risen before the Answer got to them

Mr Speaker and the rest of the members repair to the House to consult about the Indian Affair

Came Doctor Jacob Lockerman and Walter Campbell who says they were sent from the House to desire that Mr Francis Jenkins Mr John Rosman Mr Samuel Collins and Mr Walter Lane Deputies returned by Indenture to serve for Somerset County might be sworn Whereupon the honorable Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet Colonel George P. Botolpham Esq<sup>r</sup> Brooks did administer unto the said Gentlemen the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the said Gentlemen severally subscribed the Test

March the 15<sup>th</sup> 1698

The Council again sat and were Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain General &c

Colonel Henry Jones, Colonel George P. Botolpham Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup>

Colonel John Addison, Thomas Brooks and James Fridy Esq<sup>r</sup>

That it be Proposed to the House how the Arms now coming in shall be disposed of  
That the dispute about the furs brought from Pennsylvania and exported out of the Province by Captain Nicholas Smith be now decided this present Assembly

The following message was by order drawn up viz<sup>t</sup>

By the Governor and Council in Assembly March the 15<sup>th</sup> 1698

There being two of the Naval Officers now attending in order to make oaths to their Accounts it is required that the House would send about six of their members to see them sworn that the said Officers may be dispatched out of Town and it is recommended by this Board that the House would send about six of their members consult whether they think it necessary to prohibit the Exportation of Corn and provisions

Signed by Order Her: Denton Esq<sup>r</sup> Clerk of the Council  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Tench and Esq<sup>r</sup> Fridy Ordered to carry the said message who accordingly went & return and say they have delivered the same

It is proposed that the House advise whether the Susquehanna Indians where they now live be within the bounds of this Province or not

Proposed that the House appoint some of the members to joynt Committee