

as when they sent to Mr Denton for Orders of Council without your Excellencies
leave I have added a copy of the latter I intend to send to you home by my Clerk if
your Excellency approves of it I am

Your Excellency's humble

Thomas Lawrence

Mr Speaker

I have Received a Summons from the Clerk of the House of Delegates
to attend the House on Friday next in the afternoon but I know not by what autho-
rity since you have neither asked his Excellencies leave nor have I his Order for so
doing nor have I his order for so doing I am of Opinion tho the Gentlemen of his
Majesty's honourable Council in Assembly have their rights and Privileges as well
as the Gentlemen of the House of Delegates and are to give answers in their places
however to them you ^{now} ready I am to give you satisfaction in your demands I have
sent my Clerk with the Kings Order for your fees all and do acquaint you I have
taken as yet no fees at all relating to patents saving the fee for records to such as
Mr Cant sent me and which I returned him again which I am informed I have
the sole right to take and detain since I am only commanded by his Majesty to record
them if Mr Cant take the same fee of 120 for entering the patents let him answer
for what law he does it for I have no part of it This is Sir what I have to Offer you
from your humble Servant

Thomas Lawrence

Die Mercur 23 Martij 1697/8

By the House of Delegates

Resolved that the Clerk of this Board give notice to the honourable Sir Thomas
Lawrence Baronett his Majesty's Secretary of this shewance and to Mr Charles
Cant Clerk of his Lordships Land Office to attend the House on Friday in the afternoon
in order to satisfy them how they both demand the full fees for Patents

Signed by Order W Bladen Clerk of the Board

March the 25 1698

The Council again sat and were Present as yesterday
Brought from the House of Delegates by Mr Hall and other members the following
Message viz By the House of Delegates March the 25 1698
This House have again taken into consideration the matter of the Piscatory Indians
and do think it so Inconsiderable that they do not much regard whether any message
be sent to them or not or whether they do come in or stay out yet if your Excellency thinks
fit to send to Sir Edmond Andros his Majesty's Governour of Virginia to have leave to send
through his Government to them We leave the same to your Excellencies Better
Judgment

At Present we do not conceive it advisable to Inhibit those Indians from coming
and going to and fro in this shewance as formerly so long as they shall Peaceably demean
themselves and as a means the better to Induce them to come in We humbly advise
that the Rangers at the Frontiers of Potomack may be forthwith called in / or if your Excellency
thinks fit that . . . those Frontier plantations may be strengthened by Posting them or
such like number of men there for their better security as by your former message we have humbly
submitted to your Excellencies discretion

Signed by Order W Bladen Clerk of the Board

By the House of Delegates March the 24 1697/8

This House is already satisfied with the Return which Mr Mason has made
being very sensible that he has not received the . . . Naval Officers Accounts nor is it
Possible for him to send to the several Sheriffs on the Western Shore and Transmit his
Accounts hither before such time as it is hoped this Session will break up