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the same is recommended to the Consideration of the House

That the House being acquainted the Justices and Grand Jury of Prince Georges County did not think Piratoway Indian to be so Inconsiderate and Enemy

The Honourable Sir Thomas Lawrence Barons Secretary Thomas Trenchard James Field Esq^r were by Order appointed to carry down the Bills yesterday read and answered to the several Resolves as also at the same time to swear Major Thomas Smithson Treasurer of the Eastern Shore to his publick Account and that the Clerk of this Board attend them in order thereto

They return and say they have delivered their Message and that they had sworn Major Smithson to his Treasurers Account in presence of the House of Delegates

Brought from the House of Delegates by Mr Benjamin Hall and five other members the following Answer to some Messages and Resolves this day sent viz

By the House of Delegates March the 31st 1698

This House have considered of the message relating to the four articles contained in Mr Nays Paper and do not think fit to allow them for in whole or in part

As to the Susquehannack Indians we have formerly given our opinion according to the best information we can get that they are not within the limits of this Province and as to sending to New York see no necessity thereof

As to George Hutchins Letter to his Excellency it is the Opinion of this House that if the ten^{ty} Cent duty was paid for the four servants it ought to be refunded again but not for the Goods they being liable to pay the duty

Signed for Order W Bladen Esq^r Secy

The said Message being read

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March the 31st 1698

The Answer of the House concerning those four Articles of Mr Nays has been received and here read to which seeing you think not fit to make further answer it is required that all the Papers relating to that affair as also all other papers now lying before you be sent from this Board forthwith returned but his Excellency being informed that some of the members of your House pretend to prove the several Articles of Charge laid against him by the said Nays does therefore in his Majestys Name Command those members to put in Writing and Give under hand what they have to say in that manner in Order that they may be sworn thereto or else his Excellency does look upon them to be false scandalous and malicious except they that can be otherwise proved by Record

Signed for Order Hen Denton Esq^r Secy

There is not a direct Answer given to that Query About the Susquehannack Indians Reminding the House of an Order of the last Assembly where some Gentlemen were appointed to go and treat with those Indians but Remaining still undone

His Excellency is pleased to say that if this Assembly do not think fit to conform that Order he will proceed no further in it

It is proposed that the House would Advise which way the Arms now coming in should be disposed of

A Representation of the Honourable Sir Thomas Lawrence is herewith likewise sent

March the 31st 1698

His Majestys Secretary of this Province doth represent to the Honourable the Speaker and to the House of Delegates that in the Assembly held at Annapolis in September 1696