

As to the answer of the House about employing Ministers Clerks a Paper answer will be given thereto in another Message

This Board do think the Clerk of the Council ought to be allowed for Clerk Affairs who has likewise been employed in like extraordinary Service if not more equal to the Clerk of the House as also that he ought to be allowed for being Clerk to the Indian Committee in October as well as the other Clerk

His Excellency being resolved to be content to no Allowances but what are equal and just his Allowance is but for one Committee this Assembly

It is remarked that the letter from the Navy Office and Certificate from the Ordnance Office were before you and are now sent again

About Mr Parker his Excellency wants to know what the House does about it

As to Doctor Bray's letter to be answered the House undertook to do it neither do you signify what sort of answer you would make him

As for Mr Cooksey's Bill to Captain James Bonding for 23 £ Sterling drawn March the tenth 169 1/2 on Mr Peter Pagon and endorsed to Mr Samuel Groomer order &c. tho being protested it cannot be allowed before Mr Cooksey's Account and the Committee and other Papers are Perused and Inspected therefore referred till next Session of Assembly as the drawing forms of Oaths to be taken by the Officers and Change to the Grand Jury is referred

It is Proposed that the Gentlemen of his Majesty's honourable Council be dispossessed of the 20000 Overplus Tobacco to be levied as well as the Provincial Justices

His Excellency has received back Mr Plater and Mr Muschamp's Accounts but did expect you would have made some Remark upon them which you have not

In Answer to your Message about some of his Majesty's honourable Council to be Joyned with the Committee appointed for apportioning the publick Levy his Excellency does say that what had been done in my Lord Baltimore's time will not be admitted as Precedent but his Majesty's honourable Council do say that in Governor Copley's time some of their members were also joyned not only in apportioning the Levy but also with the Committee of Accounts and do think themselves to have as much right to be concerned therein as the members of the House of Delegates therefore it is expected that all the Gentle-men proposed to be Inserted and first Nominated in the Levy Law otherwise it will not be Passed

As to your Earnestly Expecting his Excellency's Commands to attend at this Board in Order to put an end to this Session his Excellency does say that if you had taken the Method proposed to you at first your hopes and Expectations might have been Answered long ago and saved the Country a Great many thousand Pounds of Tobacco

It is Considered that seeing the House has concluded nothing about the Indian Affairs the Assembly be Prosequed by Proclamation

The matter about the Indians being taken into Consideration it is concluded that the Rangers of Baltimore County be Disbanded and dismissed Law being taken that they should be paid of and is Ordered Accordingly

Ordered that the Rangers upon Potomack be likewise dismissed and it is hereby Resolved and Ordered that considering the Assembly have left the matter about the Indians undetermined the honourable Col^o John Addison appoint ten men and two Captains to Range by Turn and Observe and follow the same Instructions as the former Rangers who are to be paid according to Act of Assembly but it is Ordered that Captain Brightwell be one of these two Officers and it is hereby directed and Ordered that his Honour Col^o Addison take care to raise the said ten men and Officers with all Expedition Possible whom he is to place some where convenient for strengthening the Frontier Plantation