

Embodiment them on their language here and therefore no way that when your Excellency is established there well so far regard the Duelt of this Place as not to Comprovidence or any of those or other Indians belonging to this his Majestys Government that shall depart from their respective Places allotted them without the Consent thereof and not so but Give all free Liberty that shall be desired to meet with them in order to procure a right Understanding which has formerly been denied

For these Reasons we are of Opinion that the present Rangers may be left in Number from twelve to eight under the Command of Captain Owen who is now there and such a Lieutenant as your Excellency shall appoint to keep Inseparably Ranging by a Party at a timettill further Orders

Henry Jones Thomas Tench John Addison
John Courts Thomas Brooks James Frisby

Whereupon his Excellency is Pleas'd to assure the Gentlemen of his Lordships to serve his Majesty for the Good of this Province his Excellency understanding that the House of Delegates were met was pleas'd to send the Honourable Col^l Henry Jones and Thomas Tench Esq to have Mr Christopher Gregory sworn Clerk of the House of Delegates

Who return and say that they did present Mr Gregory to the House to have him Sworn and that the House did accept of and approve him but refused to wear him unless he took also an Oath of Secrecy which they say is usual

Message from the House of Delegates by Mr Simon Willmore and Mr Thomas Haley who say that the House desire such Oath of Secrecy may be administered to their Clerk

Colonel Courts and Esq Frisby sent for Mr Speaker and the House of Delegates to attend his Excellency the Governor in Council. Who came up and being admitted

His Excellency was pleas'd to acquaint them that forasmuch as it hath pleas'd Almighty God of his Great Mercy to bless his Majestys Kingdoms and Dominions with many Great and signal Blessings particularly by crowning his Glory and endeavours with an honourable and happy Peace the safe return of his Majesty to his Kingdoms in quiett and the happy Union and signall agreement accord between his Majesty and Parliaments in raising such Supplies as were necessary for defraying Charges and supporting the Honour and dignity of the Crown. And what in a more peculiar and nearer manner affected this his Majesty Province in God Almightyes withdrawing his afflicting Hand of sickness from us and restoring Health to us and Blessing us with several Beneficial and healing Springs of Water Called the Good Springs which by his Blessing have wrought many wonderful and signal Cures amongst several distempred and Impotent Persons and lastly for that the late Com-motions false Rumours were abated and distinguished he had appointed Tuesday next being the 25th Instant to be set apart for a day of publick Thanksgiving and Rejoycing therefore to be kept and Observed by the General Assembly and others at the Town and Port of Annapolis and the 22nd of November next Ann Arundell County and all other Counties within this Province

His Excellency is pleas'd to Communicate and read their Lordships the Right Honourable the Lords of the Council Trade and Foreign Plantations Letter to him of the 21st of March 1697/8 with an Inclosed Copy of an Act of Assembly made lately in Jamaica for Suppressing of Pyrates and Sea Rovers and Recommends to the House that they would Consider to enact such a Law within this Province

Also his Excellency reads to the House their Lordships Letter to them concerning an Agent for this Province and the having a fair Transcript of the Body of Laws now in force Transcribed and Transmitted to them which he Recommends to the