

Present The R<sup>ts</sup> Honble the Lords Proprietary the Honble Chancellors,  
and Secretary, Coll<sup>o</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Chew, Coll<sup>o</sup> Jefe Wharton, Leut<sup>o</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Taylor,  
The Survey<sup>r</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup> Enter<sup>r</sup> of<sup>e</sup> House.

Ordered that Mr<sup>s</sup> Henry Adams Maj<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Boareman and Mr<sup>s</sup> Ben<sup>o</sup>  
Roziers be impowered to examine y<sup>e</sup> King of Mattawoman Touching y<sup>e</sup>  
Indian prisoners lately apprehended and delivered by him to Capt<sup>o</sup>  
Allen as also to use the said King of Mattawoman to examine the  
said prisoners by such or the like Questions or Interrogatories hereafter  
following y<sup>e</sup> by such Examination they the said Mr<sup>s</sup> Adams &c may  
fully satisfy themselves touching y<sup>e</sup> Indians and designe of y<sup>e</sup> said  
prisoners coming into this Province, and thereupon may with all  
speed transmit their Reports thereof to his Lord<sup>s</sup> and Council  
under their hands, who may thereby be able to Judge, whether y<sup>e</sup>  
said prisoners be deserving of Death, Sea or Noe, and to take speedy  
Order concerning them, Signed &c:

The Interrogatories, Viz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Whence did y<sup>e</sup> said prisoners come
- 2<sup>d</sup> What doe y<sup>e</sup> said prisoners pretend to be the ends designed  
of their coming into this Province.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Did they come voluntarily or not.
4. Who did take or apprehend y<sup>e</sup> said Indians.
5. Dotts the King of Mattawoman Judge them to be Friends, or to  
come as Spies and for some evil intent.

The House is adjourned for an hour.

The House mett.

6<sup>th</sup> Whether the said Indians are of this Province, and to what Towns  
they belong, how long they have been absent, and whence they have  
been.

7<sup>th</sup> What Number y<sup>e</sup> Enemy doth consist of from which the said  
prisoners came and whether the said Enemy be in Forts or  
where at present they are Resident, and who are their Confederates  
and what is their designe.

Ordered also that there be such and soe many of the Neighbouring  
Indians of the severall Indian Nations present at y<sup>e</sup> Examination  
as shall be thought fitt to satisfy and assure y<sup>e</sup> said Neighbouring  
Indians that noe wrong or Injustice shall at y<sup>e</sup> present or for the  
future be done them.

Came now by order of this house on Saturday last In Command  
and M<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Tilkman Execut<sup>o</sup> of Richard Tilkman dec<sup>o</sup> 3<sup>o</sup> 1671 in y<sup>e</sup>  
writ of Habeas Corpus depending ag<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup> Duigly Deft and the Deft Demurred  
to y<sup>e</sup> Execut<sup>o</sup> assigned, being fully argued on both sides it was found that  
there was a mismission of y<sup>e</sup> Clerke in entering of y<sup>e</sup> Speciall Bayles given  
by Blackhall in y<sup>e</sup> Provinciall Court and this house being of opinion