

25<sup>th</sup> That the House give their opinion, Whether it be not convenient to have the Arms sent for in Ganquined.

Resolved that it will be very convenient for the better preserving of them that they be Ganquined.

The following Resolves sent to His Excellency and His Majesty's Council.

House adjourned till six a clock to Morrow Morning.

Tuesday June the first 1697.

House met - Then read over what was done yesterday.

Major Smithson presents of following Reports from the Committee of Agrievances.

That humble Addresses be made to His Excellency to Enlarge the Authority of the County Court Commissions in all personall Actions because the said Courts happen oftner than the provinciale Court.

Tho: Smithson Chairman.

Resolved by the house that His Excellency be addressed that His Excellency be addressed to Enlarge the Authority of such Courts in personall Actions.

A Bill improving the Commissioners of the respective Counties to purchase Land for Court Houses for their Counties read the first tyme.

An additional Bill to ye Act for Recovery of small Debts read the first tyme.

Proposed by a Member of the House that some Care be taken by a Law otherwise to Restraine the frequent and vexatious Suites of Appeals and Writts Error from the County Courts of this Province to the provinciale for there formalities in Law and many times for the Error of the Clerks and attorneys who are not of Capacity to make these proceedings agreeable to the strict Rules of the Law of England, for defect whereof the Judges of Law Can not do otherwise than Reverse the Judgment.

Leave is given to prepare a bill as above proposed.

A Bill for the Naturalization of Stephen Francis and George Hecombe read the first tyme.

Then Came down Mr. Henry Denton C<sup>o</sup>. of the Council, and acquainted the house that His Excellency the Governour and His Majesty's Council were Ready to entertain them in Conference relating to the Indians.

Whereupon the house Resolved themselves into a Committee of the whole House and goe up to His Excellency and His Majesty's Council upon the Conference aforesaid.

Captain John Hans Tilghman Called to ye Conference, sayth that according to order of His Excellency the Governour and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council he went to the Susquehannah and Senega Indians the head of the Bay, that the Delaway King and the Chawhanan King would have come along with him, but that three great Men were gone abroad on hunting, and because he understood the rest were willing to come downe about a month sence, he did not bring them with him.