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us, upon which I turned about and desired my people to make haste
to the house, some tyme afterward we found the Negro alive, who lived
four days, I asked him if he knew any of the Indians.
I asked him How many Indians he saw he told one three which he
said were lodged in the cleft of a tree from whence he was taking
fence Rails, and as he was stooping to take up a Rail they shot him
in at the back with an Arrow and afterwards run up to him and
knocked him downe, What they did else to him after knocking him
downe I know not and cutting off one of his Ears he was not
sensible. Since that time having been on board some Shippes at
the mouth of Petusent at my returne my wife informed me that
four of those Indians that formerly had traded with me, had been
at my house with such a burthen of skins and would not be satisfied
till they got a man to come to the Western branch of Petusent to look
for me, upon which she went up to them and finding that Capt. Brightwell
had been and discoursed them, that then she bought what they offered
to Gaile.

Mr James Stoddert.

Mr Joseph Chew appearing here saith that an Indian that hunted for
him, told him that in the Spring tyme some mischief would be done
at James Stodderts plantation therefore he would live with him.

Capt Brightwell appearing in the house, saith that he and his men
keep constantly out a ranging, and that they have fortified themselves
therefore desires that he may have some small quantity of powder
and Ball 2 pick axes, two Spades and two Shovels with some fuses
and Granadoes.

The said Capt. Brightwell is cautioned to keep his men out a ranging
and not to let them come to the Inhabitants.

Resolved that the Indians objections be answered and some
proposalls made them, and that Jos. Addison, Jos. Courts, Esq. Brooks,
Jos. Beale, Major Smallwood, Major Baston, Mr. Hutcheson, Mr.
Hawkins, Capt. Hopkins, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Hutton be appointed this
evening to draw up proposalls in order to a treaty with them.

Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members take their leave and
returne to ye house.

House adjourned till two of the clock.

Post Meridiam, House met.

The houses address to his Exc^{ty} for enlarging the County Commissions
and Mr. Sharps petition sent to his Exc^{ty} and his Ma^{ty} Hon^{ble} Council
by Capt. Hopkins and Major Baston.

House adjourned till six of the clock to morrow Morning.

Tuesday June the second 1697.