

House met, and read over what was done yesterday.

Ordered, Mr. Robt. Mason Treasurer of the Western Shore, pay unto Mr. Jn. Perry 50<sup>l</sup> Ster. for his Salary as past this year.

A Bill empowering the Commissioners of the County Courts to purchase Lands for Court Houses, read the second time and Comitted for Amendment viz<sup>t</sup> - a Jalro for Dorchester County.

An additional Bill for the Recovery of Small debts, read the second time and passed.

A Bill for the Naturalization of Stephen Francis and George Hecombe read the second time and passed.

Proposed by his Ex<sup>ty</sup> to this House that a Law be made for the Justices of the Provincials and County Courts to read over yesterday's Minutes every Morning, and at the beginning of every Court to examine whether the last Courts Records are made up or not.

Resolved that such bill be prepared.

House adjourned untill two of the Clocke post Meridien, House met.

And it being signified to them that his Ex<sup>ty</sup> required them to come up and again confer with his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Honble Council: where being admitted.

The Gentlemen appointed yesterday to draw up proposals in order to a Treaty with the Indians present the following Reports viz<sup>t</sup> -

June the first 1697

At a Committee by appointment of the Governour, Council and House of Burgeses composed of the Council and Burgeses for considering the Indians affair and making proposals what may be most proper measures to be taking for quieting their fears and securing the Province.

Present of the Council - Burgeses.

Col: Addison.	} Major Smallwood	} Mr. Wm. Hatton.		
Col: Courts.			Mr. Hawkins.	Mr. Wm. Nuttall.
Mr. Tho: Brooke			Mr. Hopkins.	Mr. Wm. Barton.
			Mr. Drut.	Colonel Beall.

Colonel Addison Chosen Chairman of the Committee.  
Ch: Gargoylth.

Resolved first to proceed on the affairs relating to the Piscataway and Arrohick Indians, and thereupon was read the Reports of Major William Barton to the Gov: and Council, upon what passed between him and the said Indians upon his being sent to them and their answer to him, and upon their first answer relating to their Reasons of deserting the Forte.