

And additional Bill to the act for Recovery of small Debts the third time and passed.

A Bill for purchasing Lands for Court Houses read the third time and sent to His Matys Hon^{ble} Council by Major Walter Smith, Major Barton, Major Smallwood, Mr. Hutchison and Capt. Hopkins.

Leave given to bring in a bill to enable Mr. Catharine Sherman to make sale of a Lot of lands and two houses in this port according to her late husbands Contract with Mr. Gerard Vauferriegen.

The house adjourned till two of the Clock.

Post Meridiam, House met.

A Bill Impowering Mr. Sherman to sell land in this port according to her late husbands agreement read the first time and passed.

Put to the Question if the Gentlemen appointed to go and treat with the Indians shall have Leave to depart House in Order to their Journey.

And Carried in the affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

Resolved the following Message be sent to His Exc^{ty} the Gov^{or} and His Matys Honourable Council: Have given leave to our severall members appointed to go upon the Indian Treaty to depart of House in Order to their Journey, but humbly desire it may not oblige us to Tarry for their Return.

Signed for order.

W. Bladen C^{lerk} House Det^y

Sent by Capt. Hopkins and Major Walter Smith.

House adjourned till 6 of ye Clock to Morrow Morning.

Friday June the 4th 1697.

House met and read over what was done Yesterday.

The severall members appointed to go upon the Indian Treaty to take leave and depart the House.

A Bill enabling Mr. Sherman to sell land in this port according to ye late husbands Contract read ye second time and passed.

It being proposed by His Exc^{ty} that a Law be made to appoint two persons in each County near to ye Indians to heare and determine all Controversies and disputes between them and the English.

Resolved such Bill be prepared.

House adjourned to six of ye Clock to Morrow Morning.

Saturday June the 5th 1697.

House met, and read over what was done yesterday.

Referred to y^e Committee of Laws to Consider of a Bill for Selling Colonel Talbot's ... funding the County his Imprisonment fees.

Major Hutchison, Capt. Hill, and Mr. Robert Smith added to the Committee of Lawes.

A Bill empowering the Vestry to purchase Lands for Churches and Chappels and Confirming the Titles of Lands, whereon #