

Resolved the following Message be sent to His Excellency and His Majesty's Honorable Council, viz: -

By the House of Delegates June 17<sup>th</sup> 1697.

We have perused the late Act of Parliament relating to Scotch Traders in these Plantations and also the other Acts of Trade of King Charles the first and cannot finde anything therein contained to debarre the Naturalization of any other Nation unless Scots-men.

Therefore we pray your Excellency in Regard of ye two persons proposed to be Naturalized have long resided here and are not Scots-men, but one an Italian and the other a German, that an Act for their Naturalization may be passed.

W. Bladen Esq.

Sent by Major Smith and Mr. Tashers and Capt. Edward Blay.

The Came the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonel Greenbury and Col: Courts with the following Queries from His Excellency the Gov: and Councils, which are thus answered viz:

By His Excellency the Gov: and Councils viz. June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1697.

The Honorable Answer to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Council for Trade and viz. is received, and well approved of, the following Queries being only offered viz: -

6<sup>th</sup> Article - Query whether Somerset and Dorchester County do not partly employ themselves upon Woollen Manufactures.

Ans<sup>r</sup>: - This House doe not know that Somerset and Dorchester County doe employ themselves in Woollen Manufactures; but upon Inquiry doe finde that when heretofore when English goods for Subsistence could not be had for any product of that place, some few persons out of Necessity did attempt Making of linen and Woollen for supports of Nature which they were reduced too by Necessity and without which many Subjects had perished. And this House believe when any Extremity falls on them or any other of this Province the like preservation will be Endeavoured.

8<sup>th</sup> Article - Indian Corn and Wheate are likewise exported.

Query whether Pensilvania and New England Men doe not bring in wooden ware.

Answer - Indian Corn and Wheate are made in this Province, but very little exported because used in the Province. And New England Men did formerly bring in Wooden ware; but of late have not brought any or at least very inconsiderable.

11<sup>th</sup> Query, whether, all Single Shippes are obliged to Call upon Sr. Edmund Andros in Virginia Especially the Shippes now in the Country pursuant to that order.

Answer - We know not whether Single Shippes are obliged to Call on the Gov: of Virginia especially the Shippes now in the Country pursuant to order. But if they are it is very prejudicial to them, and besides their delay a