

the same Relation of the Indians in Somerset County.

6. The Committee do unanimously Conclude and agree that it will be convenient and necessary that the Gent. by act of Assembly appointed for deciding differences betwixt the English and Indians in Gen^l that now there being a Generall peace throughout Christendom they may have the same Happiness here if they will be neighbourly friendly and quietly.

Resolved that the Said Gents. do acquaint the Indians therewith.

Then the House Considering that they had sent the afo^{re} Committee out especially to Consult it were necessary to Continue the Rangers or to strengthen the frontier Plantations upon Potomack at New Scotland, by placing some of these Rangers among the Inhabitants at their severall plantations and for as much as by a Reporte of the Committee it does not appear to this House that of same was thereby debated.

Resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex^{ty} and the Hon^{ble} the Councill viz^t.

By the House of Delegates March the 18th 1697.

For as much as this House did give Instructions to these severall Members to debate in the Committee with his Matys Hon^{ble} Councill, Whether it might not be thought fitt to discontinue the Rangers at the Garrison at Potomack and strengthen those frontier plantations by placing some persons constantly there to reside. Upon reading the Reporte of afo^{re} Committee, we do not find that the same hath been as yett by them debated.

Therefore humbly desire your Ex^{ty} and his Matys Hon^{ble} Councill to direct your Members further to Continue the Conference with ours.

Signed for the House of Delegates.

Sent for Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Jenkins.

House adjourned for two hours to Mr. Speakers Chamber, post Meridie - House Mett. George Plater Esquire. Mr. William Dent and Mr. Rob. Soldborough his Matys Lawyers appear in the House and a copy of their Opinion by them Signed relating to the Suspension of Mr. James Crauford, being read to them.

They say their Opinion was then for - and yett is the same, though they do Confess Memo Mortalium atq; horis Sapit But shall be willing to alter their judgement upon better argument.

But at present owning and seeming to justify the Said Opinion are ordered to attend the House to Morrow Morning by 8 Clocke to produce authorities to justify their Opinion if not to be Concluded by this House.

The Said Gentlemen depart the House.

Mr. Edwards Lloyd, added to the Committee of Laws.

It being proposed from his Ex^{ty} and his Matys Hon^{ble} Councill, that the House would Consult whether the Indians at the head of the Bay do live within the bounds of this Province or not? In answer to which this House do