

Subjects and dishon<sup>r</sup> of his Majesty -

But if your Ex<sup>r</sup> and Council will att the humble address of his Mat<sup>t</sup>. Subjects shew such Marks of displeasure to them as to content with this House that the Gentlemen each of them payten Shilling a piece to our Rey: att their and suffer the said paper to be burned and receive Mr. Bradford to your Ex<sup>r</sup> favour, you will give us occasion to magnify your Justice and and Readines to preserve our Rights and to be always tended of your Ex<sup>r</sup> Honour, and to pray for your long Continuance amongst us.

Signed forder. J. Bladen C<sup>o</sup> House D<sup>o</sup>.

Sent by Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lane, Mr. Thicks, Major Lowe, Mr. Wright, Mr. Cavile, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Elisha Hall, Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Young, Mr. Whittington, Mr. Hollins and Capt. Hoffkins.

Who returne to the House and say they have delivered their Mess<sup>g</sup> to his Ex<sup>r</sup> the Governor -

The petition of St. Pauls Parish on the North Side of Chester River defining the upper part of that parish may be added to Gloucester Parish and the lower part of that parish to St. Pauls Parish, reads, And ordered that a Bill be drawn up Therefor.

All Committees be in Called in - Read the further Report of the Gen<sup>t</sup> appointed by this House to treat with the Members of his Mat<sup>t</sup>. hon<sup>r</sup> Council concerning the Indians wherein the Gen<sup>t</sup> of the Said Committee are Equally divided in their Opinions as to the Continuing or discontinuing the Rangers att the Garrison att Potowmack.

Whereupon this House do refer it to his Ex<sup>r</sup> discretion to Continue the Said Rangers att such place and so near the Inhabitants that they may hear any alarm upon Occasion. And that upon Accomodations with the Indians his Ex<sup>r</sup> would be pleased to Call in those Rangers which this House do not think worth the while to keep out.

Whereupon Resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex<sup>r</sup>.

By the House of Delegates March 4<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Upon Reading the further Report of the Committee Concerning the Indians, This House Confiding in your Ex<sup>r</sup> goods Conduct and well knowing that your Ex<sup>r</sup> never expected us to unnecessary Charges, do humbly refer it to your Ex<sup>r</sup> discretion to Continue the Rangers att New Scotland att such place as you shall thinke fit until the Indians do come in, but humbly advise it may be so near the Inhabitants that they may hear any alarm upon Occasion. And that upon Accomodations with the Indians, Your Ex<sup>r</sup> will be please to Call in those Rangers which this House do not think further necessary to be kept out.

Signed by Order. J. Bladen C<sup>o</sup> House Delegates.

Sent by Mr. Henry Hawkins, Mr. Thomas Staley and Mr. Francis Jenkins, Upon the petition of Mr. John Gadsby leave is given to his Council