

proposalls in writing vizt -

By His Ex^{ty} the Governour and Councill in Assembly (March 23. 1697.
Upon the againe reading the Messag^e of the House of the 9th Instant relating
to the Indians and the Comitted Reports there about, His Ex^{ty} is pleased
in returne to Answer that he gives the House thanks for there good
Opinion of him and hopes they shall never have Reason to say that
either himselfe or any of his (Maj^{ty} Hon^{ble} Councill will ever put the Province
to the least unnecessary charge More than what is needfull both for his
Maj^{ty} Honour and Service and for the safety and welfare of th^e Country.

Signed of order - Hen: Denton Ch. Councill.

By His Ex^{ty} the Gov^r and Councill in Assembly (March 23. 1697.

Upon Reading (Mr. Masons Letter this day sent from the house by Mr.
Mr. Hutchison and others this board do not find that he hath returned
any acc^t but what was before Exhibited and sworn to last Assembly
Therefore see a necessity that the said Mason be sent to by Reason it is thought
fit that all the publick acc^t, be now settled before the breaking up of the
Assembly (Reflections being made in England how the public Money is disposed
of) and if the said Mr. Mason is not able to discharge his duty of Treasurer
that then some other person be appointed in his stead.

Signed of order -

Hen: Denton Ch. Councill

Upon Reading which Messag^e Resolved the following Answer be sent
vizt - By the House of Delegates (March 24. 1697.

This house is already Satisfied with the returne which Mr. Mason
has made being very sensible that he has not made the Navall officers
acc^t Nor is it possible for him to send to the severall Sheriffes on the
Western shore and transmitt his acc^t hither before such time as it is
hoped this Session will break up.

Signed of order - W. Bladen Ch. House D^r.

By His Ex^{ty} the Gov^r and Councill in Assembly (March 23. 1697.

This boards Require the house would send up some of there Members
to Conferre about settling the Courts and that they would bring the Bill
appointing Court days with them.

Signed of order Hen: Denton Ch. Councill

Ordered by the house that Mr. Harris, Mr. Milliner, Major Smith,
Major Hammond, Mr. Haly and Mr. Ben: Hall sent with the aforesaid
Bill upon the Conference proposed, and are ordered to deliver to the
Councill the Resolves of the house yesterday upon His Ex^{ty} proposalls, and
a Bill for Rectifying the ill practices of Attorneys and Ch^r. of Jst. Indictment.

By His Ex^{ty} the Gov^r and Councill in Assembly (March 23. 1697.

Upon the againe reading and considering the houses address touching the
Opinion of his Maj^{ty} Lawyers in the Case of Mr. James Crauford's +