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times as we hope for our own rights and privileges, we were in great hopes
to have had a more satisfactory answer from your Ex^{ty} upon so great an
infringem^t upon our right and Liberties. But we have done our duty
in representing the same to your Ex^{ty} and shall proceed no further than
by leaving our vote upon our Journall to asert that Right and Liberty
which before this time was never questioned from y^e King first beating
and Inhabiting of this Province. As to your Ex^{ty} demands whether all y^e
Members were prisy and Consenting to our address it is so unparliamentary
that we must beg your Ex^{ty} to excuse our not answering.

We are with all dutyfull respects, Your Ex^{ty} Most Obedient Serv^t
Signed for us -

W Bladen Ch. house Delegates

Resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex^{ty} in Relation to
what he was pleased to Communicate to us in Relation to the
Piscataway Indians.

By the House of Delegates March the 25th 1698.

This House have again taken into Consideration the Matter of
the Piscataway Indians and do think it so inconsiderable that they
do not much regard whether any Message be sent to them or not,
or whether they come in or stay out, yett if your Ex^{ty} thinks fitt to send
to Sir Edmund Andros his Mat^{ty} Governour of Virginia to have leave
to send through his Government, to them we leave the same to y^e Ex^{ty}
better Judgment; at present we don't conceive it advisable to inhibit
those Indians from coming and going to and fro in this Province as
formerly so long as they peaceably demean themselves, and as a means
the better to induce them to come in.

We humbly advise that the Rangers at the frontiers of potomack
may be forthwith called in (or if your Ex^{ty} thinks fitt) that those
frontier plantations may be strengthened by posting there a good
like number of Men therefore - their better security as by our former
Message we have humbly submitted to your Ex^{ty} discretion.

Signed by order -

W Bladen Ch. house Delegates

The Answer to the Message about Mr. Mason the aforesaid Message and
this sent of Mr. Ben: Hall, Mr. Elisha Hall, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hicks,
Mr. Boyman and Mr. Lane.

Moved by a Member that a Comitte be appointed to inspect and
examine those Articles of Charge exhibited at his Ex^{ty} the Governour
by Mr. Gerard Dye to the Lords Com^{ts} of Foreigne Plantations in England.

The House adjourned for 2 Hours.

Post Meridie - House Mett. And address to his Ex^{ty}
the Governour and his Mat^{ty} hon^{ble} Councille.