

Answer: This House do conceive that if his Ex<sup>ty</sup> will not redress our  
grievances in the way represented that he denies us Right and will not redress  
them at all.

As to the short Answer made concerning the Indian Affairs this  
Board do take it to be an essential part in all Parliamentary proceedings  
to either assist or defend to every individual Article Reported by any  
Committee without which his Ex<sup>ty</sup> cannot proceed any further in that  
matter, therefore does in his Majesty's Name Command the House to  
give a direct Answer to every particular Answer Reported in the said  
Committee yett unanswered for want whereof if any Mischief should  
happen to Rape or Murder or other Violence be Committed by the private  
way Indians (which God forbid) the same will be layd to the Charge  
of your House.

Signed for order.

Wm. Dinton Clk. Council.

Whereunto Resolved the following Message be sent -

By the House of Delegates March the 30<sup>th</sup> 1698.

This House have perused the severall proceedings as well of the Committee  
appointed to Consider of Indian Affairs as alsoe their owne proceedings  
votes, Resolves and Messages thereon, and do not find but they have  
made full and sufficient Answer thereto therefore do not hold  
themselves in duty obliged to make any further Answer, and desire  
they maybe not any more pressed therein, and that his Ex<sup>ty</sup> would  
be pleased to put a speedy End to this present Grievance.

Signed for order.

W. Bladen Clk. House of Delegates.

A Bill for apportioning the publique Levy, Read 1<sup>st</sup> time & passed  
A Bill for reviving the Temporary Laws of this Province Read the  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> times and passed.

put to the Question if the Act ag<sup>t</sup> Exportation of Wool and old Iron  
shall be revived or not? and Carried in the Negative.

A Proclamation for a Gen<sup>l</sup> Thanksgiving Read and approved of  
A Proclamation to Restreyn the Extravagancy and presumption of  
diverse private Friends and Acquaintance, Read and approved of.

House adjourned for 2 hours.

Post Meridien, House met - Major Thomas Small appears  
in the House as a Delegate for Dorset County.

Upon proposall from his Majesty's Council, Capt. Hill, Major  
Hammond, W. Davis and W. Jayland appointed to joyn with  
two of his Majesty's Council to examine and view the Records of the  
severall Offices.

A Bill for Rectifying the ill practices of Attorneys, Read the 2<sup>d</sup> time & passed.  
The Reviving Bill the 2 last Messages and the Resolves of the House upon