

the reason thereof to proceed from the Houses dependent in passing such an Ordinance.

Signed & Order.  
New-England's Council.

By His Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council in Assembly (March the 30<sup>th</sup> 1698.  
It is proposed that the House should give some answer whether they think it necessary to send to His Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> of New York about the Indians and that if you are of the opinion the Tusquehannak Indians do not live within the Limits of that Govern<sup>t</sup>. His Ex<sup>ty</sup> will have nothing to do with them.

As to the Tusquehannak Indians we have formerly given our opinion according to the best Information we can get, that they are not within the Limits of this Govern<sup>t</sup>. And as to sending to the Gov<sup>r</sup> of New York the House see no necessity thereof.

Upon reading the proposall and George Hutchison's Letter to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Governour. The House do say that if the 10<sup>th</sup> Cent was paid for the Serv<sup>t</sup>. It ought to be refunded but as to the goods they were liable to and ought to pay the said duty.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr. Speaker being publick Treasurer of the Eastern Shore made oath to his acct. before the hon<sup>ble</sup> J<sup>ts</sup> Thomas Laurence Baronett, Thomas Tench and James Husbly Esq<sup>s</sup> and in presence of this House.

This day Resolves the two last Messages, and a Bill for appropriation of the publick Levy sent to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and His Maty Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council by Mr. Wm. Hall, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Small, Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Campbell, who returne and say they have delivered these Messages.

House adjourned for 2 hours

post Meridien. House met. The following Bills read & debated to.  
1<sup>st</sup> A Bill for securing the Parochiall Libraries of this Province, and that the Care and Charge thereof be committed to some worthy and learned persons.

2<sup>d</sup> A Bill improving the Com<sup>ts</sup> of the County Courts to levy and raise Money to defray the necessary Charges of these Counties.

3<sup>d</sup> A Bill for restraining the Extortions of Sheriffs and Deputy Comissaryes.

4<sup>th</sup> A Bill for recontinuing the late discontinued process and proceedings of Cecil County Court.

5<sup>th</sup> A Bill for the better division of St. Pauls and Shrewsbury Parishes.

6<sup>th</sup> A Bill for stay of Execution after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill yearly;

7<sup>th</sup> A Bill for ascertaining the Bounds and Limits of Ann Arundell and Baltimore Counties.

8<sup>th</sup> A Bill supplementary for Ordinary Keepers, and Regulating of Mumblethorpe.

9<sup>th</sup> A Bill for the Naturalization of Peter Dorochee a Frenchman.