

appear to be allowed on that score (Notwithstanding the said Denton did all or most of the business) (Neither is he considered for being Ck. to the Committee about Indian Affairs this Assembly -

Signed J. O. dea.

Hon: Denton Ck. Council.

Mem^{um} of things unanswered viz: - Maj: Whittington's acc^t of the bounds betwixt this Province and Pennsylvania.

The Tre: from the Navy office.

Capt: Drut's Tre: about the Coole Spring.

A Certificate from the Ordnance office.

Proposall abt the forme of Oath to be taken by the Severall officers for the Grand Jurys.

The acc^ts of the Revenues are not yet returned.

No answer is made about Mr: Parkers non payment of those employed in bringing up the Records.

Tre: to the Lord Bp: of London, the L^{ts} Comissioners for Trade and Doctor Bray, not yett writt.

The aforegoing Matters, Remarks and proposalls were thus answered brief: -

By the House of Delegates April the 1th 1698.

In this Infant Country we hold it best not to enact perpetuall Laws, because we have not had sufficient Experiences whether they may be or not to our advantage beside if this Country improve it will be necessary to lett some of them expire if your Ex^{ty} do not think fitt to pass the Revising Bill as proposed that house cannot Consent to the alteration thereof.

Signed J. O. dea.

W. Bladen Ck: house of Del:

His Maty: Hon^{ble} Councell: Secret: Charges have H^{er}etofore always been allowed them and if they are not now, it is an Omission.

As for Mainis acc^t being struck out of the Journall of the Committee of accounts. It was because the informer against the sloop Seviz, presented a Benefitt thereby who sett him on works and ought to pay him.

Mr: Sewell was not allowed because he did not give that Satisfaction to the house as expected from him.

As to the employing one of the Member Clerks. He who was employed is a Native of the Country bred a Ck: and was Capable of that employ.

And it is a discouragement to this House to promote the free schools if the Natives as they become qualified be not permitted to officiate as Cks.

As concerning Mr: Denton not being allowed it was an Omission and the said Mr: Denton shall be allowed as to his Ck: Assistant,

We Comanded our Ck: to employ one upon some speciall services, and therefore we allowed him.

As for his allowance for being Clark to the Meeting abt the Indians in