

give their Opinion without Mature and deliberate Consideration thereon.  
But do againe recommend to you his Maj<sup>ty</sup> and the Countys business  
given you in Charge yesterday and more of the same Nature herewith  
sent, since you cannot be ignorant of the vast Charge you have put  
the County to -

Mr: Nicholson  
Henry Dowles, Cha: Hutchinson,  
Thomas Tench, John Cornto,  
John Addison, Tho: Brookes,  
James Friesly

Resolved this House will proceed on the Countys business.  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench Esq and James Friesly Esq. enter the House and  
deliver their Message to Mr. Speaker, which was read as followeth.

By his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov. and Councill Octo<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1698.

His Ex<sup>ty</sup> having recommended to the House severall papers being the  
Treaty of Capt: Thompson and others with the Indians at the head of the  
bay, their Opinion is required whether it may not be adviseable to send  
to the Gov<sup>r</sup> of New Yorke to acquaint him that severall Indians are  
seated upon Susquehanna and Potomacke. And to inquire whether  
they do not belong to the Nations or any other Indians under his Govern<sup>t</sup>  
which if they be this Government will not harbour or protect them.

This House have read the Treaty made with the Indians at  
the head of the bay by Capt: Thompson and others and do conceive that  
the Shawnee Indians came from the Southward and not any wayes  
belonging to the Government of New Yorke, and the Susquehanna  
Indians are at their old Habitation supposed to be without the Limits  
of this Province, and that this House has no Assurance of any Nation  
of Indians seated at the head of Potomacke.

A Copy of his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Royall Instructions to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> about Liberty of Consci-  
ence sent to the House for their Opinion whether the Roman Catholics  
have not forfeited such his Maj<sup>ty</sup> favour here.

Nothing appearing to this House of any Violation of such his Maj<sup>ty</sup>  
Royall Instructions, the same is referred to your Ex<sup>ty</sup> and Councill.

Resolved that the honorable Thomas Tench Esq. and James Friesly Esq<sup>r</sup>  
be Joynd with such Committee as the House shall appoint of their Members  
to inspect the publick Acc<sup>ts</sup> which are recommended to be examined -  
since his Ex<sup>ty</sup> Accession to this Government, and that they make the  
following Remarckes to that Committee.

1. That upon Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Matthews acc<sup>t</sup> that by Common Report 11<sup>th</sup> Thiffred  
Imported about fifty Negroes and gave Credit but for thirty two.
2. Whether Major Whittington paid the Tobacco of his Treas<sup>r</sup> acc<sup>ts</sup> of Country.
3. That the Committee inquire in to the accounts of the Treas<sup>r</sup> and Sheriffes