

Message to his Excellency and Council, who return and say they have delivered the same.

Proposed by Mr. John Hall of Bateman County, that for Debts due from the publick officers of Bateman County, he will give Thirty pounds Sterling.

Put to a vote if the said John Hall shall have the said Debts for Thirty pounds Sterling or not - and Carried in the affirmative.
Ordered that Major Thomas Smith settle the said acc^t and take the said John Halls bond for the said sum.

Mr. Inalwood and Mr. Wm Hutchison and of other Members appointed to here the Examination of the Indians. Enter the House.
Mr. Thomas Smith brings into the House Mr. Robert Masons and Mr. John Lowes penall bond for the payment of the Money by him to be paid for the purchase of the Tobacco due from the Severall officers in Charles, S^t. Maryes and Calvert Counties arising by virtue of the act of assembly for raising a supplye towards the Defraying the Publick Charge.

Ordered that the same be Lodged in the hands of the Speaker of this House.

Ordered that the Seryeant attendant summons Mr. Rich^d. Beard High Sheriff of Ann Arundell County to appear here at two of the clock to render an account to Mr. Robert Mason Publick Treasurer of the Western Shore for the Tobacco arising on the act for raising a supplye for Defraying the Publick Charge of this Province.

The Honble John Hammond and Thos: Tasker Enter House and goe out.

The Messages sent by Mr. Benj^m. Hall and Col^o. Minian Beale on behalf of Mr. Fielder being allowed twenty pounds Sterling and on the acc^t of Mr. Masons buying the Debts due from the Officers in Charles, S^t. Maryes and Calvert Counties arising by the act imposing a Mutit on the said officers which said Messages were severally read & Indorsed.
July 11th 1699.

Presented to by his Excellency the Gov. and Council in assembly.
They alsoe present the following Message viz^t.

By his Excellency the Gov. and Council in assembly July 11th 1699.
Upon the Examination of the Indians this day before the board Wee cannot well learne the Certainty of what may be of Intention and Designes of the Piscataway and Arcothick Indians whether they will come in or not and soe consequently first in their disturbing the quiet of this Province the Secrecy whereof well deserves the Consideration or otherwise that you would appoint some of the Members of your house nearest and adjacent to this place to joyn with and