

and severall other damages but the fire was presently quenched by the Diligence and Industry of the Esq. Nathaniell Blackstone his Maj^{ty} God^s

Resolved that the Amerciam^{ts} in the severall and Respective County Courts in this Province be applyed to the Defraying of the County Charge and that a Bill be prepared therefor.

Resolved that the act of Assembly for 3^d Feb^r to the use of his Maj^{ty} God^s be revived and that a clause be inserted that it shall be at the Election of the payer either to pay the same either in the Current Money of this Province or Bills of Exchange.

The Committee for considering the Indian affairs, Enter the House and make Report as follows.

By the Committee appointed to Confer with some of his Maj^{ty} Honble Councill of W^m Affairs relating to the Indians July 15th 1699.

The Committee being met againe and having taken the said affairs into their serious Consideration.

It is the Opinion of this Committee that it is Necessary that seven Men more be added to the Rangers that are now out being thirteen Men and that six of the said Men be placed one or more in a House at the Discretion of Coll^o John Addison and the Commanders where they see most occasion for the Strengthening of the Frontier Plantations, and that the remaining part of the Men be kept out a Ranging by Turnes.

And that Coll^o Minian Beale be Commanded in Chief of the said Men and that Rich^d Owen be Capt^o and that the said Men Continue in that Station so long as his Maj^{ty} God^s and Councill and Committee appointed by the House.

It being proposed by the Committee to Coll^o Minian Beale and Capt^o Rich^d Owen what Bread and Porke they had occasion for the Maintenance of the said Men - they supposed it Necessary to have one thousand weight of Biskett and five hundred weight of Porke for the payment of which they are willing that the same be deducted out of their pay at what rate the Country can purchase the same for them.

And the Honble Thomas Tench Esq. doth Engage to take Care to provide the said Biskett and Porke for their provisions &c.

And the Committee thinks it Necessary that the Honble Thomas Tench Esq. have power to Draw upon the Treasurer for what Money he shall have occasion for the purchasing of the same.

And alsoe it is the Opinion of the Committee that the said Rangers being in the actual Service of the County and for the Defence of this Province that they ought not to pay any Levys nor to pay for Ammunition.

And further it is the Opinion of the said Committee that the said Rangers be allowed half a Crowne if Day they finding themselves provisions, and that the Commanders be paid and allowed proportionably and that the six