

Which being heard read and considered. It is Resolved that further consideration be referred till the next Sessions of Assembly.

Message by Tho<sup>s</sup> Jencks Esq<sup>r</sup> and Coll<sup>o</sup> John Addison relating to the Rangers was read, &c.

By His Exc<sup>o</sup> of the Gov<sup>t</sup> and Council in Assembly, May 15<sup>th</sup> 1701

For as much as the affairs of the Piscataway Indians does not yett seem to have the wish for conclusion that is for their being come in and quietly settled among us. It is the Opinion of this Board that the Rangers on the frontiers of Potomack should be still kept out for the better assurance and security of the Inhabitants there who we have occasion to believe upon their being drawn of will be soe farre discourag'd even to quite some of these Extremest Settlements to our Dishon<sup>r</sup> and encouragement of our ill Neighbours the Indians who will rejoice therat.

Therefore we desire you will considerately conceit this matter (w<sup>ch</sup> whether they shall be further continued or totally disbanded) and Give us your Opinions for the one or the other.

We further recommend to you by some act this Sessions to continue the Com<sup>o</sup> for Consulting w<sup>ch</sup> Measures are to be taken for the safety of the Province ag<sup>t</sup> the invasion and incursion of the Indians as formerly

Signed by Order

W<sup>m</sup> Bladen Clk<sup>t</sup> Council

Which being heard read and by the House fully debated. It is put to the question whether the Rangers shall be continued or disbanded. and carryed by Majority of voices that they be utterly disbanded. And it is unanimously Resolved by the House that there be noe Committee to Consult about the Indian affairs.

Message by Esq<sup>r</sup> Jencks and Coll<sup>o</sup> John Addison relating to a further impost of 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>er</sup> h<sup>undred</sup> to be laid on Tob<sup>o</sup>: towards defraying the publick charge was alsoe read as followeth.

By His Exc<sup>o</sup> of the Gov<sup>t</sup> and Council in Assembly, May 5<sup>th</sup> 1701.

It being represented that the funds raised by the present acts of assembly now on foot and very inconsiderable towards defraying the necessary charge of this Province it is recommended to yo<sup>r</sup> House that a further impost of 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>er</sup> h<sup>undred</sup> be laid upon tob<sup>o</sup>: Exported as being the least burthenfome to the poore and necessitous people of yo<sup>r</sup> Province and scarcely perceptable to those that are Capable of shipping tob<sup>o</sup>: whereby the publick charge of this Province will be the Easier defrayed.

Signed by Order

W<sup>m</sup> Bladen Clk<sup>t</sup> Council

Which being read it is put to the question whether the 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>er</sup> h<sup>undred</sup> ad<sup>d</sup> Duty be advanced towards paymt<sup>t</sup> of the publick charge of this Province or not.