

Allegations relating to the aforesaid Petition, and report the same to the House.

On motion to bring in a Bill to assess on the Parishioners of *Christ Church Parish*, on *Kent Island*, 37100 lb. of Tobacco, to repair the Parish Church; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Vestry of *Prince George's Parish* be impowered by the Act to nominate two Inspectors, for the Warehouse at *Bladensburg*.

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

*Richard Lee*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Prince George's County*, relating to a Court-House, &c. Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

*Benedict Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message; *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, *May 25, 1748.*

*Gentlemen,*

**H**IS Excellency the Governor having laid the Account herewith sent before this House, we doubt not but that you will consider and allow it, if it shall appear to you to be just and reasonable; and we are of Opinion, that it will contribute very much to the Safety of the Lives and Fortunes of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province, to be upon good Terms with the *Indians* at all Times; and much more so in the present dangerous Situation of Affairs, as we have no Room to doubt but that the *French* will use all the Artifices in their power, to withdraw the *Indians* from their Attachments to his Majesty's Subjects, and to engage them on their side; which, were they to succeed in, would be of fatal Consequence to the Inhabitants of this Province, and the rest of our fellow Subjects on this Continent.

Their Warriors cannot possibly carry any Provision with them, nor subsist without it, and if they cannot get the Necessaries of Life without Violence, will take it with; which of course will create such Differences between them, and those from whom they forcibly take what they want, as may very probably end in Bloodshed and Slaughter. The *Indians* march in Parties, and have Arms in their Hands, which make them a great Overmatch for our back Inhabitants, who live remote from one another, and are in a defenceless Condition, which must expose them to the Rage and Fury of the former; and were our People ever so inclinable, for their own Safety, to supply the *Indians*, they are not able to do it to their Satisfaction; and doing it partially would not secure them, and the Dissatisfaction of the *Indians* may probably involve this Province in an *Indian War*. As this is our Case, it certainly deserves the Attention of the Legislature, and it is good Policy to avert the Danger, as it may be done at a trifling Expence, by furnishing Provision and some other little Necessaries at the public Charge for the *Indians*.