

On motion that a Bill be brought in to prevent the clandestine Importation of Rum into this Province; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

*Benedict Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of *James Sterling*, Rector of *St. Paul's* Parish in *Kent* County, *Thomas Ayres*, *Sarah Waltham*, in Behalf of her Son *John Waltham*, an Infant: And a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Northern Fork Branch, &c. of *Nanticoke* River: Severally Indorsed, "Read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

*Col. Hooper*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for causing Grand and Petit Jurors and Witnesses to come to the Provincial and County Courts, and ascertaining their allowances*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Mr. Robert Lloyd*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act to empower the Justices of Queen Anne's County Court to sell the Materials of the old Prison of that County, and the Produce thereof to apply as thereon directed*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

THE enclosed Letter to me from *Col. Cresap*, relating to the Behaviour of the *Indians*, I have thought proper to lay before your House, for your Consideration. SAM. OGLE.

To his Excellency SAMUEL COLE, Esq; Maryland.

May it please your Excellency,

I Have just now received Advice by a Man of Credit from the *Ohio*, that the *Indian* Chiefs, who intended to have waited on your Excellency last Fall, were all ready to set out on their intended Journey; but the *Pennsylvania* Traders insidiously set on them, and told them, that they would be put in Prison and hanged, for the Murder of *Mr. Parker's* that was killed by the *Indians*; and many other frightful Stories; which deterred them from their intended Journey. I have had sundry Companies of *Indian* Warriors passing and repassing, some of which have been very insolent and saucy; in particular, a Company of about 44, who had three Women and two Boys Prisoners with them, taken from the *Catawbees*, while the Men were out hunting. The Men coming home at Night from their Hunt, to their great Surprise, found their Wives and Children, some killed and some taken away: they pursued the Enemy, and in some Days came up with them, and fought them for a considerable Time; but being overpowered by a superior Number, they drew off for a Time, and then came up again, and attacked them twice more; and by what I can learn from them, would have overcome them, if a Company of 25 Warriors of the *Six Nations* had not met the others: who had the Prisoners; who say they killed three of the eight *Catawbees*, and the rest made their Escape: They say they were 60 in Number of the *Five Nations*; but whether it was with the 25 or no, I am not sure; but if it was without, they must have lost 40 odd Men at least. These *Indians* stayed at my House four Days, and complained of Hunger; I gave them at their first coming two Bushels of Meal, and one Bushel of Corn; and as it was bad Weather, I took the three Captains in my House to lodge; they being very naked for Cloaths, complained that they had lost their Cloaths and Guns almost all in Fight; and one of the Captains told me, that he was *Conasadago's* Brother, who was the Speaker at the Treaty of *Lancaster*: They held several Councils here, and told me that I was their Brother, and that they had given me this Land, and that they had no Powder or Lead to carry them home; but that I must give them Powder and Lead and Knives and Flints and Stockings and *Tenmybarwks*, and mend their Kettles and Guns; on which I gave them 20 lb. Weight of Powder, and some Lead; but they not being satisfied, called another Council, and wanted more Victuals: I then gave them two Fitches of Bacon, and four Bushels of Meal; they complaining they wanted on the Road, and in Hopes of being rid of them; but stayed, and eat up the Victuals given them. They then called a third Council, and wanted me to give them a Cow, which I told them I could not do; at which they began to be mad, and told me I was not good: On which I told them, if they wanted to fight to let me know, for if they killed my Cow I would kill them; and so quitted their Council, and loaded my Guns, expecting to have had a Fight: They went to their Cabin, loaded their Guns, and fired off several, and ran about shooting and whooping all Night. Next Morning I found several of my Hogs shot with Arrows; they stole sundry Things, and went off. When they came to my House, they brought two fine large painting Marcs, which were worth at least 20 l. each, which they had stole as they came along: I told them, that there were several white Men coming to fetch the aforesaid Marcs, and therefore I thought it their best way to let the Creatures go; but they would not hearken to me: For instead of letting them loose, they hospud them, and kept them close by their Cabbins till they went off, and then took them away with them.

The Burden is so great on me in supporting these *Indians*, that my Patience is quite tired out; so that if the Government will not allow me something towards the Expence, I must, tho' contrary to my Inclination, of Necessity