

the *Indians*, to our Consideration, in the first Place, they shall be the Subject of our immediate Deliberations.

As we have nothing more at Heart, than the Welfare and Happiness of the People of this Province, the Assurances your Excellency is pleased to give us, that we shall always find you ready to concur with us in every proper Measure we can propose for the Public Good, cannot but merit our most grateful Acknowledgments.

Which was read, and assented to, and signed by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Hayward* and Mr. *Beall*, do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That his Excellency signified he would receive the Address To-Morrow Morning, in the Conference Chamber.

The House appoints Mr. *Tyler*, Mr. *Parran*, Mr. *Chase*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Hayward*, Mr. *Goldsbrough*, and Mr. *Mackall*, a Committee to inspect into the several Public Offices, and report to the House the State and Condition of them.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Goldsbrough*, and Mr. *N. Thomas*, be a Committee to enquire what Laws will expire this Session, and make Report thereof to the House.

Mr. *Edward Gantt*, and Mr. *Charles Grahame*, Delegates returned for *Calvert County*; appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Parran*, and Mr. *Mackall*, do go with those Gentlemen to the Upper House, to see them qualified. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Gentlemen were qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentlemen took their Seats in the House.

ORDERED, That the Petition relating to *Indian Affairs*, be again read.

The House appoints Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Hollyday*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Hayward*, Mr. *Allen*, and Mr. *Sullivan*, a Committee to state the Facts relating to *Indian Affairs*, and make Report to the House.

Mr. *John Eden*, a Delegate returned for *St. Mary's County*, appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Parran*, and Mr. *Gantt*, do go with the Gentleman to the Upper House, to see him qualified. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter from *Thomas Cushing*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Representatives for *Massachusetts-Bay*, respecting the late Acts of Parliament imposing Duties on the Colonies, for the sole Purpose of raising a Revenue. Also the following Letter from *Peyton Randolph*, Esq; Speaker of the House of Burgesses for the Colony of *Virginia*, and Copy of a Resolve of the said House.

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VIRGINIA, May 5, 1767.

“THE House of Burgesses of this Colony, in their last Session, directed me to transmit to you, the inclosed Resolution, which was formed with a Design to be laid before your Assembly, for their Concurrence; and to point out to that respectable Body, the Out-lines of an Act they are desirous should pass, for building a Light-House on *Cape Henry*. The Advantages that will result to the Trade of both Colonies, and the Safety that will be procured to many of our Fellow-Subjects, should such a Work be accomplished, leave me no Room to doubt, that your Legislature will readily join us in so useful an Undertaking. I must request of you, Sir, to take their Sentiments on this Subject, as soon as you can, and hope it may appear so necessary to you, as to claim your Assistance. It gives me particular Pleasure, that this Part of my Duty affords me an Opportunity of expressing my Esteem for your Character, and of assuring you, that I am,

“with the greatest Respect,

“your most obedient Servant,

“PEYTON RANDOLPH.”

“RESOLVED, That a Light-House be erected on *Cape Henry*, for the Convenience of Vessels trading to this Colony; and, that the Expence of building and maintaining such Light-House, be defrayed by a Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels, not exceeding Sixpence per Ton, for, and during the Term of Five Years; and, after that Term, what other Sum shall be found necessary to be paid by the Owners or Masters, once every Voyage, at the Time of their clearing out, to be collected and received by the respective Collectors or Officers who shall be appointed to receive the same, and by them to be accounted for, and paid to the Treasurer of this Colony, for the Time being, appointed by, or pursuant to an Act of Assembly, for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid. And, that the Speaker of this House be desired to transmit this Resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Province of *Maryland*, that the same may be laid