

Mr. Ringgold brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for erecting a new Parish in Kent County, called Chester Parish; and for building a Parish Church, and enlarging a Chapel of Ease in the said Parish*: Which is read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition of Rachel, Elizabeth, and Mary Bacon; indorsed: "June 7, 1768: Read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which is read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of Thomas Jenings, read a second Time, and granted. Leave given to bring in a Bill according to Prayer.

The Petition of the Reverend Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Pherson, read a second Time. ORDERED, That Mr. Hanson, Mr. Ware, Mr. Smallwood, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Hall, be a Committee to state the Facts arising on said Petition, and report the same.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message:

GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,  
**M**R. OGDEN, the Person impowered by Sir William Johnson, and by the Nanticoke Indians, to act on Behalf of the latter, with respect to their Disposal of their Right to any Lands within this Province, having presented to me the inclosed Petition, which states a Fact that I was not before apprised of; and which probably might, if it had been before communicated to you, have induced you to come to a different Resolution, on the Petition of those Indians; I take the Liberty to recommend the same to your Consideration, and Mr. Ogden will attend, in order to give you all the Information in his Power.

June 7, 1768.

HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The PETITION of AMOS OGDEN,

Humbly sheweth,

**T**HAT a Petition, from the Tribe of Nanticoke Indians, having been recommended by your Excellency, to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly of this Province, representing, that they being desirous of leaving this Province, and of incorporating themselves with the Six-Nations, provided they might be permitted to dispose of certain Lands which they hold in this Province, by Virtue of certain Acts of Assembly, heretofore made in their Favour. This Petition, in Consequence of your Excellency's Recommendation aforesaid, was taken into the Consideration of the House, and an Address thereupon given in to your Excellency.

Now, your Petitioner humbly apprehends, that the Intention and Desire of the said Petition, has not been fully understood by the House; owing, as your Petitioner humbly conceives, to the Want of such Information, and Explanation, as your Petitioner could have given, if he had been present when the said Petition was taken into the Consideration of the House.

Your Petitioner humbly begs Leave to inform your Excellency, that the above-mentioned Tribe of Nanticoke Indians, have actually incorporated themselves with the Six-Nations aforesaid. That there is now remaining on the said Lands, an old Woman, and Two Children only: That the said Tribe of Nanticoke Indians, being desirous of entirely withdrawing themselves from this Province, are willing to accept a very small Compensation (in Proportion to the actual Value of the Lands) in lieu of any Claim, they or their Heirs have, in the said Lands, by Virtue of the aforesaid Acts of Assembly; and would willingly, upon the Payment of such small Compensation, unto the Petitioner, their Attorney, give full Possession of the Lands which they hold, to such Person, or Persons, as the Lands would fall to of Course, provided the said Tribe of Nanticoke Indians had entirely deserted them.

Your Petitioner humbly prays, that your Excellency would be pleased to recommend this Matter to the further Consideration of the House, as your Petitioner is now ready to give the House all the Information in his Power, with Respect to this Matter; and which he humbly conceives, will be satisfactory. *And your Petitioner will pray,* AMOS OGDEN.

Which are read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Bordley brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the better regulating the Office of Sheriff, and further Advancement of Justice within this Province*: Which is read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till II o'Clock.

POST MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Griffith has Leave of Absence 'til Thursday next.

RESOLVED, That no new Business be moved for after Saturday next.

The Order of the Day being read, the House postpones the Consideration of that Part of his Excellency's Speech, respecting the Variation of the Compass, 'til To-morrow.

Captain Ogden's Petition read the Second Time.