

They returne and say they have delivered their Message.

Resolved that sixteen Members with Mr. Speaker be a sufficient number to make a house to do business.

Ordered Maj. John Love, Mr. Symon Wilmore Capt. Rich. Hill, Mr. Jos. Leech, Mr. Benjamin Hall, Col. Edward Loyd, Mr. Thomas Small, Mr. Jos. Carrill, Mr. William Hutcheson, Mr. John Boyman, Mr. James Crauford, Mr. Richard Selghman and Mr. Michael Miller be appointed a committee to inspect and revise and compleate the body of laws as shall be made this session and particularly to consider of the Law relating to the Surveying of Lands.

Resolved that the said committee go out and consider of such their charge and that they sitt in the July Moone.

The Honble Col. Charles Hutcheson, Tho. Brookes, Robt. Smith, John Hammonds and Tho. Tasters Esq. all of his Matys. Councille Enter the house and present of following Message.

By the Councille in Assembly June 30th 1699.

Gents

Yesterday his Excellency was pleased to lay before you severall of his Matys. Royall Instructions to the Ind you may discern thereby his Princely Care and Concern for us and if you have anything to observe or advise towards the fullfilling and performance of them this board is ready to attend it and joyn with you therein.

The principle matters that are recommended to your Consideration are the business of this Session are these.

- 1: The Revising and Composing our Laws into one compleate Body according to his Matys. Royall instructions w^{ch} being well effected will be of great use and benefit to this Province and is therefore Recommended as the first and most Materiall.
- 2: The affaire of the Church at Annapolis agreed for and Money had been raised by the publick but little or noe advance made therein by those who undertook it, what further course therefore shall be taken for the Compleating of the same is the next thing to be Considered.
- 3: The affaire of the Indians by whom a Murther on two of ours has been lately on the frontiers Committed by which the Inhabitants are put into great fears and Dangers and the frontiers likely to be deserted if not speedily taken Care of - what course is therefore to be taken to suppress such outrages and secure the frontiers, but some of our Ind yet come that is expected as also some Indians may give further insight to that matter which otherwise would have been one of the first things thought off.

If you have anything to offer as from your self for his Matys. service and good of the County this board is ready to attend it and Give you their best and Cordiall assistance, and are fully assured of his Ex^{ty}. desire and