

Original which are ordered to be drawne vp & layd before the house  
Journal. Viz<sup>t</sup>

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council &c June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1697.

The houses answer to the severall Quæries of the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Council for trade and forreigne plantacōns is received & well approved of the following Quæries being onely offered Viz<sup>t</sup>

6. Article Quærie whether Sumerset & Dorchester Counties doe not partly imploy themselves vpon woollen manufacture &c.

8. Art. Indian Corne & wheate are likewise Exported & Quærie whether pensilvania & new England men don't bring in wooden ware.

p. 39 11. Quærie whether all single Shippes are obliged to call vpon his Ex<sup>cy</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros in Virg<sup>a</sup> especially the shippes now in the Country pursuant to that order

12. Quærie whether the report of pensilvania & Carolina putting forward manufacture & handy craft trades be not one reason that causes many p<sup>sons</sup> to goe out of this province to those places and another reason by p<sup>sons</sup> holding such large tracts of land.

13. Quærie if the land at the head of the Bay were well settled & Cultivated the Soyle thereof would not be proper to produce all manner of English grain whereby to furnish this province with ffLOUR bread & beer &c

14. Quærie what sort of force is the best way to secure the province.

15. Quærie what methods are best to be taken for the Conversion of Indians.

16. Quærie what returne is to be made about the militia of this province.

The same being sent by the hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll Greenberry & Coll Courts the 9<sup>th</sup> instant came answered from the house severally as followes Viz<sup>t</sup>

6. Answer. This house doe not know that Sumerset and Dorchester Counties did Imploy themselves in woollen manufactures but vpon Inquiry doe find that heretofore when English goods for subsistance could not be had for any product of that place some few p<sup>sons</sup> out of necessity did attempt making of linnen & woollen for support of nature which they were reduced to by necessity & without which many Subjects had perished and this house beleive that when the like Extreimity falls on them or any others of this province the like preservacōn will be endeavoured.

8. Answer. Indian Corne & wheate are made in this pro-