

vince but very litle exported because used in the province & new England men did formerly bring in wooden ware but of late have not brought in any or at least very inconsiderable. Original Journal.

11. Answer. wee know not whether single shippes are obliged to call on the Govern^r of Virg^a or not but if they are is very prejudiciall to them & besides their delay a greate discouragem^t to them to come here and encouragem^t to them to go there.

12. Answer. Wee conceive that few p^{rs}ons or none have left this province to goe to Pensilvania & those that have wee vnderstand were induced to it by the Currency of money there which is not here & not through the Encouragem^t of Manufact^s there & for large tracts of land wee are sensible that there is noe want of land to any that will settle here either by Lease or purchase the price of lands being fallen of late. p. 40

13 Answer. To the Inhabiting the land at the head of the bay wee conceive it will answer the intent & proposall of Cultivacōn if seated & wish it were soe.

14 answer. To the proposall what force would be most proper to secure this province wee conceive that the poverty of the place will discourage any such attempt and Considering the greate deserts betweene vs & any publick Enemy the present militia if well Armed may be sufficient for our defence.

15. Answer. The best way of Converting the Indians is by good example of the English & the Clergy Endeavouring to learne there language & thereby be capable of conversing with them.

16. Answer. As to the militia of this province wee conceive that the present Lawes & Constitutions are requisite to be continued till further Consideracōn can be had of the proposall of alteracōn, and in the meane time that his Ex^{cy} be humbly desired to give Comissions to the officers already nominated without which they cannot with safety act nor are the Soldiers bound to obey their Comands.

Brought from the house of Delegates by Maj^r Ennalls & M^r Sanders the following message & bills Viz^t

By the house of Delegates June the 8th 1697

Whereas severall lawes have been made imposing duties & laying impositiōns on divers Comodities & on offices for divers publike vses in the s^d lawes expressed & for that wee find there is sufficient money raised to answer the ends therein proposed according to the true intent & meaning of this house Wee humbly desire the same or soe many thereof as shall seeme good to y^r Ex^{cy} & this house may be repealed & abrogated the said Impositiōns being very much complained