

piscataway Indians, Mattowoman and Chapticoe Indians L. H. J.  
lately deserting their forts and withdrawing themselves unto  
the mountains.

The Reason of such their Deserting is presumed to be, upon  
the occasion of the late murder committed upon M<sup>r</sup> Stodarts  
Negro Boy at the Eastern Branch of potomack in prince  
Georges County.

That the said mischief is conceived to have happened by  
reason of some grudge upon the account of Trade.

Therefore proposeth the Assembly will take such measures <sup>P. 127</sup>  
either by act of Assembly to be made otherwise as for the  
future may best prevent the like evils.

<sup>2<sup>dly</sup></sup> That the present act of Assembly for the better regu-  
lating the militia of this province is at present altogether  
unpracticable and insufficient therefore that every four or five  
Taxables be obliged to finde a Trooper or footman with  
necessary arms &c and that the act therefore be new model-  
lized.

<sup>3<sup>dly</sup></sup> That the Contry Credit is much undervalued and  
impaired, and the Severall Sherriffs Complaine and say the  
reason thereof is because of the shortness of their continu-  
ances in their said Employments.

Therefore proposes that a law be made to have two or  
three of the most substantiall persons in every county to  
undertake the said office and pay the publick tobacco at  
certain places in the Contry.

<sup>4<sup>th</sup></sup> That the Com<sup>rs</sup> Expenses in attending their County  
Courts are not well Settled, his Ex<sup>cy</sup> having had a complaint  
thereof from Somerset County.

<sup>5<sup>thly</sup></sup> That for saving charges to the countys of a new  
common when any of the Justices of the Countys dye or Remove  
themselves out of the county a Law be made to empower his  
Ex<sup>cy</sup> Warr<sup>t</sup> under his hand and seale to appoint a Com<sup>r</sup> and  
such com<sup>rs</sup> having taken the oaths appointed and incident to  
his office, to be thereby legally qualified to Sitt and act as a  
Com<sup>rs</sup> in the said Countys as aforesaid.

<sup>6<sup>thly</sup></sup> That there is a great abuse intercepting and Imbez-  
ling peoples Letters in this province, and that the Assembly  
would make some Law to oblige Masters of Ships to deliver  
the same to the Severall Collectors and that M<sup>r</sup> Perry the post  
be obliged to call upon such officers for the dispatch of such  
Letters according to their Severall Directions.

<sup>7<sup>thly</sup></sup> That a Lawe be drawn to confirme titles to Lands,  
whereon Churches and Chappels have been built, and to  
Enable the Vestrys where there shall see occasion to build  
churches or chappels to purchase land therefore.

House adjourned till 2 a Clock.