

Bill for ascertaineing the bounds of a certaine Tract of Land L. H. J.
to the use of Nanticoake Indians, read the first time and
ordered to be read againe to morrow morning.

The address ordered to be drawne upon behalfe of M^r
Robert Mason was read, Viz^t—

To his Ex^{cy} Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} and Gov^r in
cheife in and over his Maj^{ties} province of Maryland, and his
Maj^{ties} hon^{ble} Councill.

The Humble address of the house of Delegates.

May it please your Ex^{cy}

Whereas this house did the 4th Instant call M^r Robert Mason
Treasurer of the Western Shoare before them to render an
acc^o of his Treasurers office. The said M^r Mason did Signifye
to this house that your Ex^{cy} had forbid all the navall officers
on the Western Shoare to acc^o with him, and therefore could
give no acc^t to us since the 1st of Iune 1697, thereupon we
prused the act entitled an act for the Imposition of 4^d p^r Gallon
on Liquors Imported into this province, and therein find it
enacted that the said four pence p^r Gallon shall be collected
by the navall officers and they to render an acc^o once a year to
the Publick Treasury and the Treasurers to render an acc^o to
the assembly who should have the dispensing of the Same.
wee Likewise prused the Act Entitled an act Imposing the
duty of Ten p^r cent on all European Comodities Exported p. 253
out of this Province and that the money ariseing thereupon to
be accounted for as the 4^d p^r Gallon.

Wee alsoe prused the Act entitled an Act for laying an
Imposition on Negroes, Slaves and white servants Imported
into this province which money so arising was to be accounted
for in the same manner. And finding by the said acc^t that the
navall officers are to acc^o with the Treasurers, wee make our
humble address to your Ex^{cy} not by any wayes or means to
enfringe or frustrate the afs^d Acts and that your Ex^{cy} will be
so pleased to Suffer and p^rmitt the Severall Navall officers
within this province to render their accompts to the said
Treas^{rs} according to the directions of the afs^d Acts, and that
your Ex^{cy} will be pleased so far to capacitate the said Robert
Mason that he may be able to render his acc^o to this house
this present Sessions according to the True Intent and mean-
ing of the afs^d recited acts.

And further wee humbly address your Ex^{cy} that all the
severall sumes accruing and growing due upon the Severall
afs^d acc^o may be disposed of towards the defraying of the
Publick charge of this Province and enlightening the burthen