

Original Journal. By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill March 16th 1697/8.

This Board has appointed the hon^{ble} Col. George Robotham, Thomas Tench Esq. Col: Charles Hutchins and Col. Iohn Addison to joine with some of the houses members to consider about the Indians affairs according to request so soon as time and place is agreed on.

Signed p order. Hen: Denton Clk: Councill.

Cap^t Waughop, Major Hamond, M^r William Hutchison M^r Philip Hoskins, M^r Ferry, M^r Lowe, M^r Iohn Whittington M^r Hicks, M^r Elisha Hall, M^r Tilghman, M^r Bozman and M^r Harris are appointed to treat with the Gentlemen of his Maty^s hon^{ble} Councill, this afternoon where the said Gentlemen shall appoint Concerning the Indians and make Reporte to this house

Appointed of the Comittee of Laws.

M^r Philip Clarke, Cap^t Ric^d Hill, M^r Iames Crauford, M^r W^m Hemsley and M^r W^m Taylard.

Col: Thompson and Doctor Lockerman return and say they have delivered their message, and that his Ex^{cy} says he is well Satisfied.

The Comittee of Laws and all other Comittees sent out. House adjourned unto M^r Speakers Chamber in this porte att 7 Clock to morrow morning. House met and called over.

Then Read over what was done yesterday.

Major Walter Smith appears in the house and takes his place.

Reported to this house from the Comittee of agrievances, That the Comittee having prused the Act for empowering the Com^{rs} of the County Courts to leavy and raise money to defray the necessary charges of their Countyes and for that the Comittee made no penalty or fine therein, so that they continually augment the County Charge and the partye agrievied have no redress. Therefore the comittee conceive it a great agrievance and humbly represent that a Law with a penalty be made one halfe thereof for defraying the County charge the other halfe to the informer.

Whereupon, Resolved that it be referred to the Comittee of Laws, to enquire whether the Law be sufficient or not.

That the Comittee find it an agrievance that the Sherriffes and Deputy Comissarys in the Severall Countyes exact and extorte fees contrary to Law Coloured by takeing Bills therefore.

Thought fitt that a clause be inserted that no Sherriffe or Deputy comissary hereafter take or extorte any Bills from any persons whatsoever for any ffee unless the account and particulars thereof be endorsed on the said Bill so that the party agrievied may be relieved, otherwise such bill to be voyd.