

P. R. O. prepared for regulateing Ordinaryes appears to be more to the advantage and interest of the Province, then the form^r, and th^t those ordinary fines, was not originally an inherent right, but free Gift of the province, therefore the said Bill has past the first reading, and is herewith sent up, prayeing the hon^{ble} counccills concurrence

Signed p order W Taylard Cl house Del

Collonell Edw^d Dorsey a Member for Baltem^r County entred the house, and ordered th^t M^r John Smith goe up to his Excy & Councill to see him sworne

He returnes & sayes he seen him Sworne

M^r Jacob Lookerman and M^r Hugh Eccleston members of Dorch^r County enter the house and

Ordered that M^r James Smallwood attend them to the Gov^r and Councill to see them Sworne

He returnes and sayes hee hath seen them sworne, thereupon they tooke their places in the house

Collonell Thomas Smith and m^r Richard Tilghman appeared in the house, & declared their satisfaction in, & willingness to take the oaths, &c

Thereupon ordered th^t m^r Jacob Lookerman & m^r J^{no} Wright attend them to his Excy and Councill to see them sworne

Whoe returne and say they have seen them quallified & thereupon they tooke their places in the house

p. 25 Ordered the Clk goe to the Secretaryes office & bring wth him the record of his Excys Comission, which being brought was ordered to be read

The answer to his Excys message was read & ordered to be Entred as followeth

By the house of Delegates
Aprill the 28th 1704

S^r

Wee haue duely considered yo^r Excys Message to us by the honble Thomas Tench and Thomas Brooke Esq^{rs} & wee are glad to see yo^r Excy soe candidly accept our respects w^{ch} proceeded from a true Esteem, wee haue of yo^r worth and honour

Wee haue considered the Indian Treatyes laid before us and haue nothing to advise to be added, but th^t the same may be renewed under the p^rsent Articles

Wee haue carefully perused and Examined the Severall Royall instructions of her Majestye to his Excy & sent us, and in obedience to what his Excy requires of us to giue answers in writeing to them, wee haue Endeavoured with our utmost care to giue such as may become us, and be acceptable, &