

them for their rights, should you think fit to repeal the laws by which they are at present restrained from selling the lands they possess

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 52  
May 24

As the person who is authorized by Sir William Johnson as well as by the indians to act for them on this occasion, will wait here for the result of your deliberations I must recommend this business, in the first place to your consideration

Gentlemen

The frequent disputes and great confusion occasioned in this province by the loss of boundaries and the variation of the compass are matters well worthy your notice: Some remedy for so great an evil is indisputably wanting; but it might perhaps be difficult to point out one adequate and unexceptionable: That a just and equitable regard may be shewn to the rights of all concerned, the utmost caution and foresight as well as the strictest impartiality, are requisite

The defects of our present road laws, are obvious and striking: You must be sensible what great advantages would arise to the community, from the public roads being made more direct and kept constantly in good repair; I hope therefore you will take this matter likewise into consideration

I must also observe to you, gentlemen, that an accurate review of the criminal laws made or introduced here, seems to be highly expedient: When it becomes a question whether a law is in force, or not, a tenderness toward convicted persons, they may not seem to deserve usually takes place and, by that circumstance, encouragement is probably given, to the commission of crimes. Let therefore some criterion be established, so plain and explicit, for determining what criminal laws are in force here, that all doubts, on this head, may in future be prevented

Gentlemen of both houses

The proofs I have on all occasions endeavoured to give of my desire to promote the welfare and happiness of the people over whom I have the honor to preside, make it, I hope, unnecessary for me, now, to assure you, that you will always find me ready to concur with you in every proper measure you can propose for the public good

M.<sup>r</sup> speaker (with the rest of the members) returned to the lower house and resumed the chair

The house adjourns till to morrow morning 9 o'clock

Wednesday May 25.<sup>th</sup>

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The house met according to adjournment. The members were called and all appeared as on yesterday.

M.<sup>r</sup> John Goldsborough a delegate returned for Talbot County, and M.<sup>r</sup> William Baxter a delegate returned for Cæcil County appeared in the house