

The Sherriffe of this County acquainting mee Com<sup>rs</sup> of Somers<sup>et</sup> County that it was yo<sup>r</sup> excellency's pleasure that an Amoynt be taken and returned to the secretaries office under the hand of the Com<sup>rs</sup> of this Court of all the fines forfeitures and Amercements assessed upon divers persons within the said Co<sup>ty</sup> for divers Contempts and trespasses by them committed and done, which wee had long since done according to our oathe soe to doe, onely Raine understood that it was yo<sup>r</sup> excellency's pleasure to this County that the said fines shoulde be employed for the good of this County till yo<sup>r</sup> excellency's pleasure to signify otherwise, wee being bound in duty to give yo<sup>r</sup> excellency an amoynt of the same, which wee underwritten Com<sup>rs</sup> as aforesaid Raine subscribed an amoynt of the said fines now sent by the Sherriffe, some of the fines are assessed in tobacco and in hopes of furthering yo<sup>r</sup> excellency's favour to the Inhabitants of this County, The Court hath presumed to order part of them for the publique use supposing it might not be contrary to yo<sup>r</sup> excellency's pleasure, there is also with the Amoynt of the fines an amoynt from the Court to what yo<sup>r</sup> excellency ordered some of them; one thing more wee thinke convenient humbly to signify unto yo<sup>r</sup> excellency vizt; the greatest quantity of Indians in this Province doe live at Ahmonockson and places near adiacent, to goe unto which (as it verij well knowen) at present cannot doe without much trouble and danger if the Indians shoulde be minded to doe mischief who boast of their strength if the northward Indians as they pretended shoulde come against them by reason of their being got soe many together and wee knowing that that nothing more aweth the Indians than to see the English make sufficient passages for horse and foot to come to the places of their Abode, which tends to the peace and security of