

Original sideration whether it may be Expedient to Continue or dis-  
Journal. band the Rangers on Potomack

Then was P<sup>r</sup>esented to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the following Adress from  
the Members of this board (viz)

To his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> &

Wee have seen a Petition of the Inhabitants one the fron-  
tiers of Potomack in Prince Georges County praying the  
Continuance of the Guards of Rangers there settled and allso  
a Representation of the Justices of that County Court and  
other Representing these guards unnecessary and reflecting  
on the Charge thereof upon Debateing wee Conceive it not  
adviseable for the Safety of the Province to discharge all the  
said Rangers

But in regard you have been pleased to Communicate to  
us some L<sup>rs</sup> you lately receued from England whereby wee  
perceiue your Ex<sup>cy</sup> is appoynted by his Majestye to govern in  
Virginia wee beleve and are of opinion that when the Indians  
come to understand it It will put a Check to their undue  
Cariages to this Prouince and lay a restraint on their Inso-  
lencyes knowing that they will not meett w<sup>th</sup> any Countenance  
or soe much as Harbour in that Gouverment under your Com-  
mand while they render themselves obnoxious to this

Wee are Dobtfull that the Countenance they haue Mett with  
there has too much Emboldened them in their Cariage here  
and therefore wee pray that when yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> is Established there  
will soe far regard the Quiett of this place as not to Counte-  
nance or any of those or other Indians belonging to this his  
Majestyes Goverment that shall Depart from their respective  
places allotted them without the Consent thereof and not soe  
p. 3 but give all free Libortye th<sup>t</sup> shall be desired to Treat w<sup>th</sup> them  
in ord<sup>r</sup> to procure a Right understanding which has been  
formerly denied ffor these reasons wee are of opinion that the  
p<sup>r</sup>sant Rangers may be lessaned in Number from twelue to  
Eight under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> Owar who is now there  
and such a Leivtenant as y<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup>s shall appoynt to keep Inter-  
changeable Rangeing by a party at a time till further Ordors

Henry Jowles	}	John Courtes
Thomas Tench		Thomas Brookes
John Adisson		James ffrisby

Whereupon his Ex<sup>cy</sup> is pleased to assure the Gentlemen of  
his readiness to serve his Maj<sup>ty</sup> for the good of this Province.  
His Ex<sup>cy</sup> understanding that the house of Delegates were  
mett was pleased to send the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll Henry Iowles and