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but that last Summer he was permitted to go to Albany in Company with some of the said French Indians, from whence, by the Favour of Cap<sup>t</sup> Collins the Officer of the Fort there, he had Liberty to return to Virginia, and the said Indian alledg'd whatever he said at Germanna in the County of Spotsylvania was spoken whilst he was in Drink. And being examin'd if he brought any message from the French Indians to the Saponies or any other of the Tributarys or if he intended to return to Canada as he had formerly given out, he denyed both: But forasmuch as it appears to this Board that the said Indian hath by his Speeches & Actions given just cause of Suspicion of his ill Intentions. It is Ord<sup>d</sup> that he be committed to Prison there to remain untill farther Order, unless the Great Men of his Nation shall engage for his good behaviour, and that he shall not depart out of this Government, or hold Correspondence with any Forreign Indians And the Interpreter is directed to signify to the Saponie Nation the Terms upon w<sup>ch</sup> they may have the said Indian delivered to them.

Charles Kemball Interpreter to the Saponie Indians representing that the frequent Occasions he has to attend at W<sup>m</sup>burgh on the Affairs of the said Indians have put him to great Charge, w<sup>ch</sup> he can no otherwise defray than out of his Sallery, w<sup>ch</sup> is only levyed for him in Tobacco by the General Assembly, and like to be long in Arrear, & praying that the Sum of ten pounds may be advanced him to be repaid out of his first Allowance as Interpreter; It is accordingly Order'd That the Rec<sup>d</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> do advance the Sum of ten pounds Current money to the said Kemball out of his Majestys Revenue, taking his Obligation to repay the same out of the first money or Tobacco, w<sup>ch</sup> shall be levyed for him at the next Session of Assembly.

At a Council held at the Capitol December 9<sup>th</sup> 1724

*Present*

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Hugh Drysdale L<sup>t</sup> Governor

James Blair Com<sup>rs</sup>

Mann Page

Philip Ludwell

Cole Diggs

Nath Harrison

Peter Beverley and

John Robinson Esq<sup>rs</sup>.

The Minutes of Council from the time of their last reading were now read over and approved.

This Day being appointed for hearing and determining Divers Controversies relating to the Grants of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s Land, on hearing the several parties interested therein; It is resolved & Ordered as followeth Viz':

The Complaint of Peter and John Butts against James Taylor Surveyor of King William County for refusing an Entry of

the Pet<sup>r</sup> for eight hundred Acres of Land is [in] the s<sup>d</sup> County is dismiss, It appearing to this Board by the Oath of the s<sup>d</sup> James Taylor that the Land aforesaid was surveyed for Robert Powell before the Pet<sup>r</sup> tended any Entry to be made for the same.

Whereas this day was appointed for hearing the Matter in Controversy between Will<sup>m</sup> Craddock John Pollard & W<sup>m</sup> Russell for stopping the Grant of a Patent for Land in King W<sup>m</sup> County to the said Craddock, and neither the said Pollard nor Russell appearing; 'Tis thereupon Ordered that the Caveat of the said parties be dismiss, and that a Patent issue for the said Land to the said Will<sup>m</sup> Craddock.

The Petition of Jonath<sup>n</sup> Clark against the Grant of a patent to Rice Williams for Land in King William County Stands referred to the next Court of Oyer and Terminer neither party appearing, and Ord<sup>d</sup> that the Pet<sup>r</sup> give the s<sup>d</sup> Williams Notice to attend accordingly.

The Petition of George Ward and Will<sup>m</sup> Winston for two hundred Acres of Land in Essex County found to Escheat from Mary late the Wife of the said Ward, and for which a Patent is sued out by Benj<sup>t</sup> Waggoner in whose Name the s<sup>d</sup> Escheat was prosecuted is by consent of the Parties continued till the Meeting of the Council at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer.

Robert Munford Gent having petitioned for Leave to survey three thousand Acres of Land on the S<sup>o</sup> side of Roanoak River and beginning at the Mouth of the Upper Creek, and extending down the River Side, pursuant to a Grant thereof made in the year 1721 and that the several Entries made for that Land with the Survey<sup>r</sup> be declared void; This Board having appointed this Day for determining the pretensions of the several persons claiming Interest in the said Land, and none of them appearing except William Davis of the County of Prince George, by consent of the said Robert Munford It is Ord<sup>d</sup> That one thousand Acres of Land within his Entry be laid off for the said William Davis beginning at the Mouth of the upper Creek and extending down the River to the Place called the Haw Tree (not to exceed that Boundary) to include that Quantity; And at the Request of the said Robert Munford tis further Order'd That the remaining two thousand Acres lying between the said Haw Tree or the Line which shall be laid off for the lower Bounds of the said Davis's Entry, and extending to the lower Bounds of the said Munfords Entry be surveyed and granted in manner following Viz' one thousand Acres thereof to John Alexander Gent<sup>n</sup> and the other one thousand Acres to Rich<sup>d</sup> Jones Gent<sup>n</sup> and that the Surveyor of Brunswick County do survey the said several Tracts accordingly.

On the Petition of John Mitchell for stopping a Patent sued out by John Davis for Lands in Surry County, It appearing to this Board that the Pet<sup>r</sup> hath not any Right to the s<sup>d</sup> Land It is Order'd that the said John Davis have a Patent for the same.

The Caveat Enter'd by Edward Hill Esq' dec<sup>d</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> Thomas Brewer is continued to be hear'd before this Board the next Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Sundry Petitions for taking up Land were read & granted viz<sup>t</sup>

To John Thornton sixteen hundred Acres in the upper parts of Henrico County on the South Side of James River, and two thousand acres in the upper part of Henrico on the North Side of the said River.

To George Alves and John Syme four thousand Acres in Hanover County joyning to the County Line on Deep Creek and Fork Creek.

To Thomas Carr two thousand five hundred Acres of Land lying on little Rockey Creek and the Branches of great Rockey Creek in Hanover County.

To Thomas Eldridge one thousand acres lying on Cocks Creek on Roanoke River in Brunswick County five Miles above Maj' Robert Munfords Land.

To George Booth twelve hundred Acres adjoining and including his Land on Turkey Egg Creek on Nottoway River in Prince George County.

To John Syme one Thousand Acres of Land lying on the Branches of Owens Creek in Hanover County.

To Howel Edmonds five hundred and twenty Acres of Land in the County of Brunswick, the same adjoining to a Tract of Land he has already surveyed, and that Leave be granted him to include the s<sup>d</sup> two Tracts in one patent.

To William Edwards one thousand Acres of Land in Brunswick County on the South Side of Maherine River, beginning at the Saponie Indian Line, and running down the s<sup>d</sup> River to compleat the Quantity.

To Charles Hudson two thousand Acres of Land in Hanover County beginning on Col<sup>o</sup> Nicho<sup>s</sup> Merriweathers Entry on the South side of the Southanna River thence crossing to the said Camp Creek, and up the North side of the said Camp Creek to compleat the s<sup>d</sup> Quantity.

On the Petition of Thomas Randolph Gent Leave is granted him to include in one Patent sixteen hundred Acres of Land lying in four different Tracts in Henrico County called the rich low Grounds, on the North Branch of James River; and also that Leave be given him to survey and patent Eight hundred Acres more lying a Mile above the said Land in the said County of Henrico.

John Wall and Mich<sup>l</sup> Wall having joyntly petition'd this Board for Leave to survey two thousand Acres of Land in one Tract beginning on the S<sup>o</sup> Side of Roanoke River at the old Western path, and it appearing that the said Land is within the County of Brunswick; It is the Opinion of the Council and accordingly Ord<sup>d</sup>; That the Pet<sup>rs</sup> be allowed (if they think fitt) to survey one thousand Acres each at the place afores<sup>d</sup>, and to take out distinct patents for the same according to the Directions of the Lords Justices Instructions in that behalf, and in Case his Maj<sup>ty</sup> shall think fitt to allow a greater Quantity than one thousand acres to be granted in one Tract that then the Pet<sup>rs</sup> have Liberty to include the s<sup>d</sup> two thousand acres of Land in one joint Patent.