

Council, which they disallow, the Balance to be allowed is the Sum of One hundred and fifty five pounds eight shillings and nine pence.

116. An Account of Moneys disbursed by the Publick Treasurer being given in charge to your Committee they beg leave to inform the House that the Treasurers Accounts being unsettled to the present time, they apprehend it may more properly be committed to the Committee on his Accounts, as we can't rightly ascertain the same or what is to be provided on that Account.

Order'd, That the Committee who were appointed to enquire and report their Opinion to the House on the Insults alledged to have been lately committed by the Northern Indians within the Settlements do now sit.

And the Gentlemen of the said Committee accordingly withdrew.

Order'd, That no Member do presume to go out of Town without leave of the House.

Order'd, That Mr. Fuller have leave to be absent from the service of this House till Wednesday next.

Order'd, That Mr. Fraser have leave to be absent from the service of the House till Thursday next.

Resolved, That every Member (not having leave of the House to be absent) do attend the service of this House upon Tuesday next at ten of the Clock in the Morning.

Order'd, That Mr. Withers have leave to be absent from the service of this House next Week.

Mr. Bond reported from the Committee who were appointed to enquire and report their Opinion to the House on the Insults alledged to have been lately committed by the Northern Indians within the Settlements, That the Committee had examined the matter given them in charge by the House, and directed him to report the same as it appeared to them, to the House when the House will please to receive the same.

Order'd, That the said Report be now received.

And Mr. Bond accordingly read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table where the said Report was read to the House and is in the Words following (that is to say)

The Committee appointed to enquire and report to the House their Opinion, on the Insults alledged to have been lately committed by the Northern Indians within the Settlements.

Report, That Mr. Stewart informed the Committee that one Martin being in his Store and who came to his House to inform the Daughter of Felix Smith, a Servant Maid of the said Stewart, said the Indians having demanded some Provision from the said Felix Smith who lived at four Holes and he neglecting or refusing to give them any was by them killed by wounds on his Head. Mr. Waring also informed the Committee that there is about forty Indians in the Settlements about the Cypress, that they have committed several Acts of Hostility, have carried away an Indian Slave of Mrs. Sanders, killed several Cattle, and he had sufficient

information that the above said Felix Smith has been killed by them. Daniel Linder says a Dutch Man living near Felix Smith, told him that the Indians had kill'd the said Smith on Saturday the thirty first day of March last.²³

The said Report being read a second time.

Order'd, That a Message be prepared to be sent to acquaint the Governour with the purport of the said Report and to desire his Excellency to communicate to this House such Informations as he had lately received in relation to Indian Affairs.

And accordingly the following one was drawn which having been first read to the House was agreed to and then ordered to be ingrossed and afterwards to be signed by Mr. Speaker and is in the Words following (that is to say)

May it please your Excellency.

This House having been informed that several Northern Indians are in the Settlements and had committed many Insults and Outrages on the Inhabitants, appointed a Committee to enquire into the Affair, and the said Committee have reported to this House that having called before them and examined several persons, they were informed that the said Indians murdered one Felix Smith on Saturday last at the four Holes, carried away a Slave of Mr[s]. Sanders and had been guilty of many Acts of Hostility. We therefore take the liberty of laying this matter before your Excellency, and at the same time beg leave to desire that your Excellency will be pleased to order such papers and Accounts as your Excellency may have lately received relating to Indian Affairs to be laid before this House.

In the Commons House of Assembly, the 6th day of April 1753.

By Order of the House, Jas. Michie, Speaker.

The said Message being read was agreed to by the House.

Order'd, That the said Message be ingrossed.

Order'd, That a Message be prepared to be sent to His Majestys Honourable Council to desire their Honours to order their Committee appointed for Indian Affairs to join the Committee of this House to consider what may be proper to be done in regard to the Hostilities committed by the said Indians.

And accordingly the following one was drawn which having been first read to the House was agreed to and then ordered to be ingrossed and afterwards to be signed by Mr. Speaker and is in the Words following (that is to say)

Honourable Gentlemen.

This House having received certain Information that there are several of the Northern Indians in the Settlements who have committed many Acts of Hostilitys desire that your Honours will order your Committee for Indian Affairs to join the Committee of this House immediately to consider what may be proper to be done upon this extraordinary Occasion.

In the Commons House of Assembly, the 6th day of April 1753.

By Order of the House, Jas. Michie, Speaker.

²³ For a detailed and accurate account of the murder of Felix Smith, see the "Declaration of Nicholas Noey" in William L. McDowell, Jr., ed., *Documents relating to Indian Affairs, May 21, 1750–August 7, 1754*, pp. 374–75.

Order'd, That the said Report be now received.

And Mr. Irving accordingly read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerks Table where the same was read to the House and is in the Words following (that is to say)

The 6th day of April 1753.

The Committee of Conference on Indian Affairs being met.

A Letter from Robert Steel to the Governour dated the eleventh day of March in the Catawba Nation.

A Letter from the Catawba King to the Governour.

Another Letter from Moses Thompson to the Governour dated the thirtieth day of March at Emilia Township were severally read. Whereby it appeared that a Body of forty Northern Indians had passed thro' the Catawba Nation in the Middle of March last and had touched at Emilia Township on Saturday the twenty fourth of the same Month and there committed several Robberys and Outrages; and by the examination of John Stewart taken before a Committee of the Assembly this Morning it further appeared that the same Body of Northern Indians were seen at four Holes on Saturday the thirty first day of March, and the same day they did kill one Felix Smith, an Inhabitant of this Province, and carried away an Indian Slave, the property of Mrs. Sanders, killed several Cattle and committed many other Acts of Hostility.

Wherefore the Committee in order to suppress such Mischiefs and Outrages for the future are of Opinion that a Reward of One hundred pounds should be offered by the Public for each Northern Indian that shall be taken alive or killed within the settled parts of this Province by any white Man, Settlement Indian or other Freeman or by any Negro or other Slave in Company with his Master or Overseer for the space of Three Months from the Publication thereof.

And to prevent any Creek, Cherokee, Catawba or other Friendly Indians from being mistaken for Northern Indians, that it be recommended to the Governour to send Expresses to acquaint the said Friendly Indians thereof. And that they be directed not to come down within the Settlements unless they have a white Man in Company with them who shall be ordered to attend them either from Fort Moore or the Congree Fort.

The Committee likewise recommend that after the Expiration of three Months as aforesaid a Reward of Fifty pounds shall be given as aforesaid for killing or tak[ing] alive any Northern Indian who shall be found within the settled parts of this Province for the future.

The House proceeded to take the said Report into consideration.

And the said Report being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That this House will make Provision for payment of the Sum of One hundred pounds Current money to be given as a Reward to any White Person or Persons, Settlement Indian or Free Negro (or any Negro or other Slave in company with his Master or Overseer) who shall take alive or kill any of the Northern Indians who now are or shall within three Months time be in the Settlements. The killing such Indian to be proved by the Oath of some credible