

That the Committee to whome it was Committed to Examine into the abuses done by the Indian Traders amongst the Indians do prepare and draw up Articles of Charge ag^t John Musgrove and deliver them into the Table to morrow morning The House Adjourn'd till to morrow morning nine a Clock

The House mett according to adjournment

Order'd

Orderd

The Committee to whome it was Committed to prepare and draw up Sundry Articles of Charge against John Musgrove Indian Trader ffor Severall abuses by him Committed and done amongst our Neighbouring and ffriendly Indians Reported that they had ffinished the Same which were read and then deliver'd in at the Table, and are as ffolloweth Viz^t.

First it is alledged and Charg'd upon the said John Musgrove that Some time in the month of _____ In the Year of our Lord 170 _____ he arbitrarily and of his own accord Charged and Rated the Creek Indians ffour Deer Skins a man under pretence of makeing a Present to the Govern^r and hindred them ffrom goeing to Warr upon that accot.

2ly It is Alledged and Charg'd upon the said John Musgrove that he arbitrarily and of his own accord tooke and Receiv'd Sixteen Illcombee and Wacoca ffree people and made them his Slaves upon pretence that he would thereupon Sett the rest ffree when they were none of them at that time slaves

and that he the said John Musgrove in a like arbitrary and forcible man'er tooke Six of the I:Awellies a ffree aplacia people and made and Sold them ffor Slaves/

3^{dly} It is alledged and Charged upon the said John Musgrove that he arbitrarily and of his own accord tooke tooke a ffree Indian woman belonging to the Coolenne Town and brought her as a Slave to the Savanah Town and that he tooke a ffree Toomelean woman and made her a Slave./

5^{thly} It¹ is alledged and Charged upon the said John Musgrove, That he the said John Musgrove arbitrarily and of his own accord tooke at one time Eight Worstera free people and made them Slaves/

6^{thly} It is Alledged and Charged upon the said John Musgrove, that he the said John Musgrove arbitrarily and of his own Accord threatned the lives of the Tuckesaw Indian King and another unless they would give him ffour Slaves upon pretence that they had taken away his the said Musgroves and and One William Steads Indian Wives when at the Same time the said Musgrove and Stead had turn'd away their said wives on purpose, but at length Compounded with the said Tuckesaw King and the other Indian ffor three Slaves in Satisfac'on ffor their wives but Pight rescued two of the said Slaves out of the said musgroves hand

7^{thly} It is Alledged and Charg'd upon the said John Musgrove that he arbitrarily and of his own Accord tooke away ffrom the Illcombeans or Wacoca Indians two Slaves one horse and Some say Six and others say Sixteen ffree²

Indians and made them Slaves upon pretence that the said Illcombean or Wacoca Indians had killed Severall of his Cattle./ Lastly It is alledged and Charged upon the said John Musgrove, that notwithstanding the ffree people of the Appalachies were by the Govern^{rs} Order to Sett down Some where on the Savanah River, he has hindred and given the greatest discouragement he could ffor their so doing, of which Abuse their Casseiques did Complaine or were Coming to Complaine to the Govern^r. and that the said John Musgrove dureing his abode

¹There is a blank space on the page between the 3rd and 5th allegations which was evidently left to be filled in later.

²A blank space was left before "Indians" with the evident intention of filling it in with the name of the tribe when learned.

amongst amongst the Indians has frequently and knowingly and presumptuously made use of the Govern^{rs} name pretending he had Sometime Orders from him to go to Warr and no white man else should go at other times pretending he had the Govern^{rs} Order to do Such things as he pleas'd tho' never so unwarrantable

Upon Motion Order'd that John Musgrove Attending below be sent ffor up and then the Articles of Charge was Read against him, which Articles he generally denied and then was Order'd to with draw./

Upon Motion the Question was put whether John Musgrove should be Committed to the Coustody of the Messinger Attending this House./

Carried in the Negitive

Orderd

That the said John Musgrove do Constantly attend this House till he Shall be discharged and not depart or go out of the Intrinchments about Charles Town upon pain of Incurring the displeasure of this House and of being thereupon Committed to the Coustody of the Messinger Attending this House and that the Messinger Serve him with a Copy of this Order and that Mr Speak^r. Sign the Same./

Nicholas Trott Esq^r Cheif Justice Sent the Messinger of this House to acquaint the Speak^r that he had Some thing to Offer to the House and desires to be Admitted./

Upon Motion Order'd that two of the Members withdraw and know of the said Nicholas Trott, what it was he had to Offerr to this House and Mr Pasquereau and Midleton went down to him, being return'd, acquainted this House that the said Trott wanted to be heard in Relac'on to the Debt oweing to him ffrom the publick/

The House were of opinion that it was an unparliamentary way and therefore would not Admitt him/

Upon Motion Order'd That Mr Thomas Barton and Cap^t Edward Loughton do wait on the Govern^r and desire his Hon^r to Send back the Bill ffor Regulateing the Indian Trade

Orderd

That no Bills or Messages ffrom this House to the upper house be deliver'd till they are a house