

York County Records

1634

York County formed in 1634 as one of the 8 original counties (shires).

2 Mar 1645/6

Act XVIII – Whereas the Governor, Council and Burgesses of this present Grand Assembly have maturely weighed and considered the great and vast expense of the colony, in prosecuting the war against our common enemies the Indians, and the almost impossibility of a further revenge upon them, they being dispersed and driven from their townes and habitations, lurking up and downe the woods in small numbers, And that a peace (if honourably obtained) would conduce to the better being and comoditie of the country, have enacted, and be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That three-score be forthwith raised on the north side of the James River, well provided with fixed guns, shot bags and swords, That is to say from Henrico 2 men, Charles Cittie countye 13, **Yorke county 16**, Warwick county 8, Eliz. Citty county 8 and Northhampton county 9- All of which said men shall march under and be obedient to the command of **Leift. Fra: Poythers** in the managing of any occasionall war, And that upon all emergent occasions in the treaty for the accommodation of a peace, the said **Leift. ffrancis Poythers** shall follow the advice of Capt. Henry Fleet, And that the said Capt. Henry Fleet shall according to his undertakeing and propositions made to the Grand Assembly provide and make readie his barque, boat and shallop, victuals and men for the manageing of the said vessels for the space of sixe weeks...[description of provisions]...and if it shall soe happen that a peace may not or cannot be concluded, that then they the said Fleet and **Poythers** shall erect and build a forte in any convenient place in Rappahannock River, or before if they shall soe think fitt, And follow such further instructions as shall be given them, by this Grand Assembly or the Governour and council.

(Grand Assembly Holden at James Cittie, The Second of March 1645/6, Mss in Library of Congress and as compiled in Hening's Statues Vol. 1, pp. 317-318)

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An Order from James Citty dated 2 Mar 1645/6, that the Lieutenants and Deputy Lieutenants press 16 men to march against the Indians under the command of **Leift. Francis Poyethres** and to be ready at place of Rendevous the 20th of this April to attend this service. Provision to be made for protection of their crops. They to be pd 100 lb tobo for every day wasted, etc. (Records 1633-1646, bk 2, p. 121)