

Mr Clarke and Major Thompson returne to the house and say that his Ex^{cy} will send some of the hon^{ble} Councill to this house to administer the Oathes required unto Mr Willm Helmesley. Original Journal.

Cap^t Hill Mr Clarke Major Thompson Mr Tasker and Mr. Frisby sent to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r with the following Message.

By the house of Burgesses May the 1st 1696.

To his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r in Councill &c.

May it please yo^r Ex^{cy}

This house being mett according to yo^r Ex^{cys} prorogation are ready to receive what your Ex^{cy} has to offer to us that We may proceed to the Dispatch of the publique Concerne of this Province.

Signed p Ord^r

W Bladen Cl Assembly.

Mr. Lingham enters the house.

Put to the Question if Mr. Mason and Mr. Lingham for not attending the house shall not be censured therefore Carried in the negative.

The hon^{ble} Colonel Robotham Col: Greenberry, Col: Hutch-p. 7
ins and Colonel Browne came downe from his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r & Councill and in presence of this house administered the Oathes appointed by Act of parliament instead of the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy unto Mr William Helmsley according to the Request of this house

the s^d Mr Helmsley Subscribe the Test.

They also bring [down sev^rall lrēs relating] to New Yorke for the perusall of [this house]

Also lay before [the house severall] proposalls from his Ex^{cy} Cap^t Hill Mr. Cla[rke, Major Thompson] Mr Tasker and Mr Frisby returne to the house [and say that] they have delivered their Message to his Ex^{cy} who had already sent down to the house.

Major John Hamōnd and the rest of the Members yesterday appointed a Com̄ittee to consider of his Ex^{cys} proposalls about the new Court House and Additionall Conveniences enter the house and p^rsent the following Report.

Maryland ss. At a Special Com̄ittee appointed by the Generall Assembly of this province for inspecting into the further Addition to the Stad^t House met at the house of Mr Thomas Blackwell this first day of May 1696.