

His Excellency makes demand of the Board where the Letter is mentioned sent by Sir Edmund Andros was who made answer that the same was in the custody of the then Clerk

Ordered therefore that the said Clerk be sent for and required and sworn about it and whether he has delivered up the same together with all other papers and Journals

Post meridiem

The Council set and met and were Present as before

Mr Thomas Tench added

Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr William Dore Mr Robert Smith Captain John Hammond & Mr Edward Boothby who signified to this House that the House of Burgesses were intendant to their Majestys will of Election to whom his Excellency returned for answer that he would send some of the Council lawfully authorized down to their House either this evening or to morrow morning to swear the several members of the House according to usual custom and form and likewise the Clerk of their House

Ordered therefore that Commission issue under the Great Seal to authorize the honorable Sir Thomas Laurence Baronet Secretary Col^l Henry Jones Col^l George Probotham and Col^l Nicholas Greenberry any three of them to administer the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Abjuration and Supremacy and Test

Copy of their Majestys Instructions to his Excellency relating to the Council & Members of Assembly taking the Oaths and signing to the Test sent to the House of Burgesses by the Clerk of this Board being giving in Charge to signify that it being late in the night they shall not have time to swear the Burgesses of the House but that tomorrow morning by ten of the Clock his Excellency has appointed four of the Council to swear them according to the Instruction now delivered he returned and says he delivered the said Message and Copy of Instruction

Mr Dore and Messengers last sent from the Board appear again at the Board and say that they received the Commission sent by the Clerk but that they are not as yet a House though summoned to sit on this day therefore did conceive that they could not Adjourn without Will therewith his Excellency told them should issue & did accordingly issue under the Great Seal signed by his Excellency &