

The foregoing Proposals and Lawyers Opinions being pursuant to Order prepared were sent down to the House by Col<sup>l</sup> Robertson and Col<sup>l</sup> Guenterry. The messengers returned and say they could not deliver their message by reason the House was adjourned  
Monday September the 21<sup>st</sup> 1696 The Council again sat and were Present as on Saturday except Col<sup>l</sup> Guenterry

The messengers on Saturday sent with the last message are ordered to carry the same down now who return as at say they delivered the same

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Mr<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson and Major Smallwood the following message viz By the House of Burgesses September the 21 1696

This House having carefully and maturely considered the last message and Objection made against the qualification of Col<sup>l</sup> John Good to sit in this House as a Burgess and that he might be fully Informed in the premises have appointed our Committee of Elections and Privileges to inquire and examine into the same who have accordingly done so and made their report thereof thereupon was put to the vote whether the House should concur with the said Committee that the said Good was not qualified to sit here or not and thereupon it is carried and Resolved by Majority of Voices in this House that the said Good is qualified to sit as a member whereupon we humbly present him to have the usual Oaths administered Signed by Order W Bladen Clk of Assembly

An Answer to the foregoing Message was Ordered to be drawn up as follows viz

By his Excellency the Governor and Council &c September the 21 1696

The Message by Major Smallwood and Mr<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson in relation to Mr<sup>r</sup> Good was received and read here and this Board does conceive that the question thereupon put is not rightly answered for that it is not disputed whether he is rightly Chosen but whether he is a deacon or Priest and so not qualified to sit by the law of England an answer thereto is by this Board Positively demanded Signed by Order Hen Denton Council

The said Message being sent down to the House came answered as follows viz

By the House of Burgesses September 21 1696

This House before sending the last message in relation to Col<sup>l</sup> Good did examine as well of his Qualification to sit as of the business of his Election and it did appear to us that he was not only duly Elected but also Legitimately qualified to sit as a member of this House notwithstanding what was alleged therefore humbly pray as in our former message have prayed Signed by Order W Bladen Clk of Assembly. And the said was drawn up and sent

By his Excellency the Governor and Council &c September 21 1696

The last Message from your House touching the case of Mr<sup>r</sup> Good was received whereby this Board does find that the question put is not yet rightly answered viz of his being a Priest or Deacon which if the House acknowledge as it is believed they cant otherwise in a matter so apparent to the whole Country this Board does then Wonder how they so rashly presume to make a vote against the known Law of England According to the opinion of the lawyers thereon now before them

As to the qualifications of the Person the annexed depositions will demonstrate and it is appeared to the whole House whether by his life and conversation he does not appear so heinously flagitious and wicked scarce to be paralleled in the Province whereof the House must needs be conscious and dare presume that divers of the members have at sometime or other in his Debaucheries heard him publicly Blaspheme and it is lastly left to the consideration of what course his factious contradictory spirit in all manner of Business and whether he has not at this present Cost the Country more Tobacco than perhaps... he is worth or ever will do them good Signed by Order Hen Denton Council