

September 21 1696 The Council again this day used Paunce as yesterday
and that first of the conditions of his Majesty's Commissioned your name the
House could not be put in the presence of the members is required
for the sake of the peace and unity of the said House Col Hudson Col Hudson M^r Wood
and M^r Tudy who returned say they delivered their message and that pursuant
thereto the House is comming

Leave accordingly M^r Speaker attended with the whole House to return his
Compliments to your Majesty as follows

M^r Speaker and your Majesty of the House of Burgesses

I am sorry to have sent for you because that cannot at this time and I cannot
but commend to you that you have not dealt faithfully in your answer to the question
put or relation to M^r Comery's petition whether he is a Dissident Priest which
I am given to understand he is and therefore do wonder that the House should pre-
sume to pass a vote against the known laws of England by which you
have brought it to this pass that is like of your House must stand flat in Opposi-
tion to the Act of Parliament. If I should suffer it so to go on but Gentlemen
I do acquaint you that I shall not swear that I shall notwithstanding your vote
and if you will proceed to business I am here ready with his Majesty's honorable
Council to attend the same

I am sorry the House should continue so long a many days in a thing of this
nature and then the country to all the change without any thing done and to see
the House about matters of. For as you have this whole day holding here on several
questions where you will find divers of Blasphemy in the highest degree
spoken by the said Comery and I do assure to the whole House whether Common sense
and most of your own knowledge do not remember him to be a man of an easy
flippant life and conversation the use of you will learn to your House consider
of these things and dispatch what business shall be laid before you I shall be ready
with his Majesty's honorable Council to attend the same and pray God to direct you
therein They take leave and Repair to their House and after some short time send

M^r Boothby M^r Clark M^r Hutchinson and M^r Tison with the following message

By the House of Burgesses September the 22 1696

This House have seriously considered of his Excellency's speech before the honorable
Council and finding it contains many expressions of his pious and good Intention
considers us We cannot but Return our hearty thanks for the same as to the particular
matter mentioned us here done that which we hope will appear to be our duty and
become loyal and dutiful Subjects We are ready to join with the honorable Council in
of the Affairs that lay before us

Signed by Order W Bladen Clerk of the House

Came from the House of Burgesses Major Dent Major Hammond and other
members who signify that they are sent to acquaint his Excellency and Honours
that the House has appointed the following members viz Major Dent Major Ham-
mond Major Smithson M^r Clark M^r Boothby and Major Baston a Committee of
Law for this present Session and that if his Excellency will please to send some of
the members of his Majesty's honorable Council to join with them they will be ready to
proceed to business

Ordered that an answer to the said two messages be drawn up which was done
as follows viz

By his Excellency the Governor and Council 22 September 1696

The two last messages from your House are have been received and as to the first his
Excellency thanks God that the House has put so good an end to that dispute and is
in hopes they will proceed now to such business as may tend to the Glory of God the
King's Honour and good of the Country and as to the Committee of Law appointed
this Board has according to the request of the House sent the honorable Col Robinson