

We have appointed Mr Philip Clark and Mr William Hayward to Print and consult
Books to draw up certain forms of Oaths for the several Officers to take and the Grand
Jury Charge against the next Sessions of Obedience.

As to the 40000^l Tobacco left upon the Journal of the Committee of Accounts we
put in 20000^l Tobacco as his Excellency's Instance and the other 20000^l Tobacco we
designed to pay the honorable his Majesty's Council and the Gentlemen that appertain
the publick Levy but rather than we will rid out of any more we are willing it should
not be left upon that Journal

Signed by Order W. Bladen Clk. Com. 28

His Excellency is pleased to demand of the Board whether or no he had spoke any
thing when at the House otherwise then plain matter who say not and do very well
approve of what was said - In Reply to the Answer of the House just now brought
by Mr Harris and others it is Remarked as following

1 This Board do say that there is no such thing can appear upon the Journal of your
House of having his Excellency's Consent for your Adjourning to the Speakers Chamber
at an Ordinary Only his Excellency thinks that Major Thompson and some other
member came and told him so as he was walking upon the State House Hill after they
were adjourned to that Place

2 His Excellency is pleased to Appoint the honorable Sir Thomas Lawrence Barons Secy
Col^l Henry Jones and Thomas Finch Esq to examine into the Accounts and Papers
Relating to Mr Benjamin Halle Put and Bills of Exchange against the next Sessions
of Obedience and to make Report accordingly

4 It is supposed that your meaning is that the 40000^l Tobacco should be wholly left out
if so, and your Allowing Mr Seivall, his Excellency will stand to and Pass the Allowances
made in the Journal of the Committee of Accounts, Except those of Mr Jackson Mr Killbourn
for the Speakers Chamber and the other Ordinary Keepers upon the Account of Committees

Sitting which are not admitted and Mr Ben. Halle's Bills as before
Lately his Excellency these two Remains upon the whole Answer that it is not a
Contradiction

2. That some of you have given up Part of the Infallibility as well the rest of the
Material Points in which you suppose yourselves to have been so much misled and Hum-
ble his Excellency expects that you will assert the same before his Sacred Majesty or the
Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Foreign Plantations where
he does not doubt God Willing but to make you appear as little Infallible as you
have shewed yourselves already

In Answer to the return of the House concerning the Quarter of the Publick Revenue
this Board does say that the Accounts of the Quarter Part of Potomack is a mistake of
the Receiver Mr Plater being then concerned for that district

As for the Mistake you think to be in Mr Platers Account for Potomack Care will
be taken to examine him about it. A Letter from your House supposed to be for my
Lord Bishop of London has been here read and his Excellency says that hee's sworn
to have his Reputation and Honour supposed and vindicated by some of you

But shall rather look upon it as a scandal to have it so for he can prove...
one of your House to be a villain upon Record if not worse and several others their
Lives and Conversations to be too well known both in this Country and England
that they are not agreeable to truth and Justice

Signed by Order Hen. Denton Clk. Council

April the 3rd 1698

The Council again sat and were Present as yesterday