

The House being called over Mr. Dunc and Mr. Emberton's
absence is excused by reason of their sickness and then it being that Mr.
Tyle, Col. Mearns, and John (Smith) Esq. you must acquiesce in this really
to be sufficient number of the Delegates to make a house is consent
they return they acquainted his Excellency that, Col. Stokland,
and Mr. G. Garrison being from the House acquainted Mr.
Speaker that his Excellency repaired thither with the lower house to
attend him immediately in the upper house.
Then Mr. Speaker with the lower house went to attend his
Excellency accordingly and afterwards Mr. Speaker with the rest of the
members returned, and Mr. Speaker's report of the same Report
that his Excellency was pleased to speak the following words:
Mr. Speaker,

I must desire you take into your Consideration what
I mentioned to you on your last meeting from which time you were brought
at your own request, for two reasons, the one that it was then reported
to your own taking into it hands all the Proprietary Government
which is now laid aside, and the other that the Proprietary
Government, which had proved groundless he being still living, and now
having no instructions to the contrary, I know no reason why you
should not proceed, upon what was then delivered to you, at your last
meeting.

It being that Col. Mearns, Col. Fort and Capt. Mearns go
with Col. Cressat Mr. Cressat Mr. Mearns Mr. Thomas and
Mr. Garrison, by which Mr. John Cressat Mr. M. M. Mearns and
Capt. Mearns to the upper house to be then read by taking the book
they return and say they seen them duly read.
Resolved that the House meet at 8 of the clock in the morning and
sit till 11. and meet at 1. in the afternoon, and sit till 5. every day
during this Session.

The House adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a clock
the 11th July 1716.

The House met according to adjournment.
The 12th day of July on the 24th day of April last was read.
Capt. Henry Carr. ordered appeared that day in the house.

The House proceeded to appoint a committee (vizt) Committee of
Selectmen, Col. John Mearns, Major Mearns, Mr. John Barker,
John Rowley Esq. Mr. James Goyde.
Committee of Laws, Col. John Mearns, Mr. Thomas Roberts Mr.
Thomas Rowley Esq. Richard Colegate Mr. James Stoddant, Major
James Skinner.
Committee of Expenses Mr. Tyler, Capt. Mearns Capt. Thomas
Brent, Mr. Skinner, Thos. Col. John Mearns Esq.