To the Seaventh quære Cap^t Hoskins is sent to Sr Thomas Original
to desire his hono^{rs} appearance here.　　Journal.

Ordrd by the Comittee that the Clerke of this Comitte haue
an oath of Secrecy & ffaithfullness given him, and to that pur-
pose Mr Greenfield is sent to the Speaker to deire Mr Watson p. 9
being a Justice of this County to Administ^r the Oath. The
af^d Clk has received the Oath of Secrecy & ffaithfullness from
the said Mr Watson.

Maj^r Smallwood informed the Comittee from the Speaker
that they must Repaire to the house, whither they Imediately
repaired.
The Comittee returned from the house.
Cap^t Hoskins returned wth the Honble Sr Thomas Laurence.

Upon the said Seaventh quære this Comittee report that
they haue perused the patent granted by their Maj^{ties} to the
Secretary of this Province whereby together with what wee
are inform'd wee are induced to beleive that the Notaryship
may belong to the Secretary but for the more certainty thereof
this Comittee referr the house to the Act of Assembly for
Setlem^t of Officers ffees

<div align="right">John Spratt Clk Comittee</div>

The Comittee adjourne till to Morrow Morning Nine of the
Clock.

The which being read the house proceed to Examine the
same gradually and soe accordingly give their Opinion &
Upon the reading the first quære in the said Lett^r Specified,
Voted wheth^r the same was a Legall Comittm^t or noe, and
carryed, nemine contradicente to be an illegall Comittm^t
Upon reading the second quære the house agree wth the
Report of the Comittee.
Upon reading the third quære the house agree wth the report
of the Comittee.
Upon reading the ffifth quære together wth the Coppy
aforementioned the house agree wth the Report of the
Comittee
Upon reading the Sixth quære the house agree wth the
Report of the Comittee.
Upon reading the Seaventh quære the house are of opinion
that the Gouerno^r Could not dispose of the Notary publicks
place ag^t the Kings pattent And that this was by the Kings
Pattent confirmed unto Sr Thomas Laurence as Secretary.
Upon the whole Matter Voted Nemine contradicente, that