

Original
Journal.

Read the first time.

Voted what shall be the Imposition upon negroes & carried by majority of voices ten shillings p poll.

Resolved Nemine Contradicente that an Impost be layd on White Servants imported of 2^s 6^d p poll, and that a bill be brough in for the same.

Resolved that an address be drawn to his Maty: condoleing the Loss of her Maty of ever blessed memory.

Resolved his Maty be addressed representing how incapable we are of giving assistance to New Yorke and our desire to be discharged from her Matys: comands therein, and that M^r Will^m Frisby be Joyned with the honble S^r Thomas Laurence Barr^t their Matys Secretary of this province to present our address to his Majesty &c: And also to sollicit the
p. 20 other business of this province.

Resolved that Letters be writt to his Grace my Lord Arch Bishop of Canterbury and my Lord of London desireing them to inspect into our Acts of Religion and Sollicit the passing thereof.

Upon Reading the petition of M^r Charles Carroll, Resolved he be admitted to Speake as Councill as to the Management of my Lord Proprietarys Law concerns.

The house Adjourns till to morrow morning 7 a Clock.

Thursday May the 16th 1695.

The house being mett was ordered to be called over, and the following members were absent, (Viz^t) Cap^t Bayne Cap^t Hill M^r Hawkins, M^r Hutchinson, M^r Pollard and Col^o Codd.

An Act for the Naturallization of Mat^s Freeman and others. Read the first tyme.

M^r Denton Clarke of the Council came to this house from his Ex^{cy} the Governour in Councill, and read to this house the consideracōns of that Board Relateing to the sayling of the Shipping now in the Country, and Signified that his Ex^{cy} do agree in the opinion of the house thereupon:

Whereupon Resolved that the following Message be sent to his Ex^{cy} and the Honble: their Maty^s Councill.

By the House of Burgesses May the 16th 1695.

This house haveing heard the Debate of the Councill board, Relateing to the Sayling of the Shipping now within this province do agree and concurr with the reasons layd Downe therein, and do say that the great Rains that have lately been have occasioned at least months loss of tyme.

Secondly. That it will conduce much to his Maty^s Service,