

Major John Hammond and the other members of the Committee sent up to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r in Council with the following Message. Original Journal. p. 9

By the house of Burgesses May the 1st 1696.

This house upon Report of the Committee appointed to consider of his Ex^{cys} proposalls relating to the additionall Conveniences to be made [to the new Court House] Signifye to yo^r Ex^{ncy} that We are [well satisfied that the] Same are not only well designed but [really necessary and] beneficiall; however the present Circumst[ances this Province] lyes under will not admitt us to launch out [money to carry] on the Same, therefore this house desire Colonel [Herman] may proceed according to former Agreem^t

Signed p Ord^r
W Bladen Cl Assembly.

Col: Herman imploy'd in building the new Stad^t house desiring leave to go up the Bay in order thereto Leave is given him. M^r Francis Hutchins writing to the house that his wife was newly delivered and that he could not leave her, his Absence is excused.

Voted and Resolved by the house nemine contradicente, That all Absent Members not appearing in the house at the tyme appointed nor Sending any reasonable excuse therefore shall be sent for by a Messinger and shall pay such Charges as this house shall thinke reasonable to allow the s^d Messinger upon bringing in his Acc^t thereof, and pay such fyne as this house shall impose, or give security for so doing, or otherwise Stand comitted to Custody of the Serj^t at Arms untill Satisfaction made.

Resolved in the house nemine contradicente that Mr Speaker issue his Warr^t to the Serj^t at Arms to send messengers for & to take into Custody and bring before this house Cap^t Thomas Waughop Capt John Bayne Mr Edward Boothby Major James Maxwell and Col: S^t Leidger Codd members of this house who have not appeared according to prorogation there to answer their contempt therein.

Comittee of Agrievances appointed
Major Smithson Mr Saunders }
Mr Frisby Col: Pearce }

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Ordered Mr Couey have notice the house will go to prayers every morning at 6 of the Clock.

House [is adjourned till 7 a Clock] to morrow morning