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Satur[day May the 2^d] 1696.

The house met [and being called over] the following members were Absent Viz^t Mr. [Watson Mr.] Clarke Cap^t Bayne Col. Hanson Mr. Hutchins Major Dent Mr. Boothby Major Maxwell Mr. Rob^t Smith Major Ennalls Mr. Scarborough Mr. Bosman Col. Herman and Col Codd.

Mr. Clarke enters the house.

Then read over what was done yesterday.

Mr Francis Jenkins appearing in this house as a Deputy for Somerset County, Mr. Speaker and Severall other members affirming that he had taken the usuall Oaths and subscribed the Test, Ordered the s^d Mr Jenkins take his place in the house.

One of the members of this house complayning that Mr Thomas Odall one of the Coroners of this County had pressed his Serv^t in Violation of the priviledges of this house.

Ordered the Serj^t at Arms take the said Odall into Custody and have him imediately before this house to Answer the said Offence.

Resolved that the Serj^t at Arms attending this house have two shill: and six pence as a fee from every person comitted to his Custody and the like fee for their Releasem^t

The house proceed to consid^r of his Ex^{cys} proposalls yesterday layd before them, And thereupon do Vote and resolve as followeth.

1. The Ord^r of Councill of the 17th of Aug^t 1695 about seating the Indian Land referrd from the last to this Sessions.

The Consideration thereof referred until Munday morning.

p. 11 2. The Report of the Comitte appointed to State the publike Revenue in May 1695, and the Addressing his Mat^{ty} that the Qr part of the Sume due from Gov^r Copleys Estate may be appropriated to the service of this province for defraying the necessary Charges thereof.

This house are of [opinion] that nothing is to be had of Gov^r [Copley's Estate, or if there] were the same is already given by [his sacred Ma^{ty} to the] Gov^r Copley's Children.

3 Whether Ski[ns and furrs out] of Pensilvania & shipt here ought not to pay [duty] others exported.

The house are of opinion the Law is already Sufficient that such Skinns and furrs pay the Dutys as others upon Exportacōn.

4. To have a Bridewell, and to se if any person will undertake to build and keep it, that all idle and Vagrant persons may be taken up and put to worke there, and the party