

the severall transcripts of Law &c to be regulated by the house Original Journal.

Thomas Odall one of the Coroners of this County appearing here in Custody of the Serj^t at Arms and alleadging that he did not comitt the Offence wherewith he is charged out of any disobedience or disrespect to this house, but that he was utterly ignorant of the priviledges thereof, and humbly begging pardon of the house.

Ordered he be discharged paying his ffees.

Ordered that the Serj^t at Arms take Richard Clarke into Custody and have him immediately before the house to answer what shall be objected ag^t him.

Then appointed of the Comitte of Accompts, Mr Robert Mason Mr George Lingham Major Th^o Smith and Mr. John Pollard

Resolved the Act for recovery of small Debts be examined and inspected by the house.

The house adjourne till 7 a Clock to morrow morning.

Tuesday May the 5th 1696.

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The house met and upon calling over were absent Mr Watson Col. Hanson Cap^t Hill Mr Hutchins Major Dent Mr Boothby Mr Robert Smith Mr Low Mr. Helmsley Major Ennalls Mr. Scarbourough aud Colonel Herrman.

Message from [his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill] by the hon^{ble} Col. George Robotham Col: [Nicholas Greenbury and Capt.] John Courts Viz^t

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill] May the 4th 1696.

The Message by [Capt. Tasker and severall] others of the houses Members sent has been here [read and considered,] in Answer whereto his Ex^{cy} is pleased to declare that [by the order] of Councill of the first of May instant relating to the Clark's and other persons having Recourse to the Offices &c. It was not intended that the priviledges of the house should be any ways encroached upon, neither does this Board take it to be any breach at all, but on the Contrary do hold it to be a breach of Magna Charta and of the Libertyes of the people that the Kings Offices should be shutt up especially considering Recourse might be had to the same through the Comissary's Office, without going through the place where the house sits. And it is recomended by this Board to the house that they would peruse the severall Copyes of the County Levyes herewith sent in order to make Inquiry and Examine, whether there