

Original Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> & his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill by Major Hamond  
Journal. and Major Dorsey.

By the house of Burgesses May the 6<sup>th</sup> 1696.

We humbly thanke your Ex<sup>cy</sup> for your kind Invitation of our Members; but our Comittees being sent out If We should admitt of their Absence, We should be forced to adjourne and cannot proceed upon the Country Busieness for Want of Suffi-  
cient Members to make up an house.

Signed p Ord.  
W Bladen Cl: Assemb:

Major Hamond and Major Dorsey returne and say they have delivered their Message.

Rich<sup>d</sup> Clarke appearing here this Day in Custody of the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Arms Ordered Henry Mathews and Sarah his Wife be called to appear and give Evidence ag<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Clarke Henry  
p. 5 Mathews and Sarah his Wife appearing in the house & having first being sworne before Major Hamond one of his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Justices of the provinciall Courts. The said Sarah deposed that on Munday morning [being] the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant she saw the prisoner upon a large [darke] Bay horse having an hanging [mayn] with a [bobe tayle, and] branded on the nan Buttock thus \* [the middle being scurfey] that Rich<sup>d</sup> Clarke kept out of [the Road along the fence] syde till out of the Gate and the[n put on very ffast.]

Cap<sup>t</sup> Bay[ne, one of the Members] of this House alleadged That he lost [his horse on] Munday morning last having the above Brand [and in] every particular the same as the said Sarah had described.

Rich<sup>d</sup> Clarke alleadged the horse was his owne and that he would produce the Same before this house with all convenient Speed.

Ordered Rich<sup>d</sup> Clarke be again comitted into Custody of the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Arms.

Moved in the house that Richard Clarke may give Bayle Whereupon put to the Question whether the said Clarke shall be admitted to Bayle or not.

Carryed by Majority of Voices that he be admitted to Bayle so that he appear before this house on fryday morning next. At which tyme he is ordered to produce the said Horse

Mr Henry Dentons petition read And an Act by him proposed for the Settling his ffees.

The house considering that to morrow is a day sett aside by his Ex<sup>cy</sup>s proclamation for a publique thanksgiving Adjourned untill 6. of the Clock on Fryday morning