

Mr Hooper, Mr Tasker, Mr Frisby, Major Ennalls and Mr Hutchison. Original Journal.

Who returne and say [they have deli]vered their Message and that it is required what is me[ant by] the Statutes and Laws of England.

Resolved these words be added and incerted in the said Bill, Viz^t

In all matters and causes where the Laws of this province are Silent.

Also resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex^{cy}

By the house of Burgesses. July the 9th 1696

It is represented to us by the Messengers last sent that his Excellency was pleased to give caution to this house that the clause in the Act of Religion should be explaind what was meant by the words Statutes and laws of England, and require that this house would explaine themselves so as to make the words answer the ends intended, for which we humbly thank his Majestys Gov^r and pray that to the former words in the act may be annexed (in all matters and cases where the laws of this province are Silent)

With which words we pray the said Bill may pass.

Signed p order

W. Bladen Clk: Assembly

Sent p Major Thompson and Colonel Pearce.

The house adjourned till 6 of the Clock to Morrow Morning.

Fryday July the 10th 1696

The house met. Major Thompson reports to the house that he had delivered his Message to his Ex^{cy} upon which he was sent last night. And that his Ex^{cy} recomends these words may be added viz^t

In this his Ma^{ty}s province of Maryland.

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Resolved Letters be writt to his Grace of Canterbury My Lord B^p of London, Esq^r Blathwayte and M^r Povey.

House adjourned for two hours.

post meridiem House met

A Bill for the [Service of Almighty] God and the Establishm^t of the protestant [Religion in this] province. Read and sent up to his Maj^{ty}s hon^{ble} [Councill.]

M^r Tho^s Col ad whereupon the house desire his Ex^{cy} will be pleased arge his Comission

The house adjourned for two hours.