

U. H. J. in a thing of this nature and run the country to all this charge without any thing done and to shew the House what manner of Person you have this while upholding, here are severall depositions wherein you will find down right Blasphemy in the highest Degree spoke by the said Cood and I do appeal to the whole House whether Common fame and most of your own knowledge do not remember him to be a man of a very Flagitious Life and conversation therefore if you will return to your House & consider of these things and dispatch what Business shall be laid before you I shall be ready with his Majestys honble council to attend thereon and I pray God to direct you therein.

They take leave and Repair to their House and after some short time send M^r Boothby M^r Clark M^r Hutchison and M^r Dixon with the following message viz^t

By the House of Burgesses September the 22^d 1696

This House have Seriously considered of his Excellencys speech before the honble Council and finding it Contains many Expressions of his pious and good Intentions towards us We cannot but Return our hearty thanks for the same as to the particular member mentioned we have done that which we hope will appear to be our duty and become Loyal and dutiful Subjects We are ready to Join with the honble council dispatch of the Affairs that lye before us

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly

Came from the House of Burgesses Major Dent Major Hammond and one other member who signify that they are sent to acquaint his Excellency and Honours that the House has appointed the following members viz^t Major Dent Major Hammond Major Smithson M^r Clark M^r Boothby and Major Barton a Committee of Laws for this present Sessions and that if his Excellency will please to send some of the members of his Majestys honble council to Joyn with them they will be ready to proceed to Business

Ordered that an answer to the said two messages be drawn up which was done as follows viz^t

By his Excellency the Governor and council &c September 22^d 1696

The two last Messages from your House sent have been received and as to the first his Excellency thanks God that the House has put so good an end to that dispute and is in hopes they will proceed now to such Business as may tend to the Glory of God the Kings Honour and good of the country and as to the Committee of Laws appointed this Board has accord-