By the house of Delegates June the 9th 1697.

Original Journal.

Resolved by the House that the severall ministers inducted to any parish or parishes within the severall Counties of this province attend the Court house of each respective County & there read prayers each morning during the continuance of the County Court before the Court be called or the Comrs proceed to doe any buisines & that if there be more ministers then one in a County that they take their turnes & read prayers one one Court & the other another.

Resolved that the respective Counties have Credit for the Supernumery Tithables of the late sheriffs since the yeare 1694.

W Bladen Cl Del.

Assented to by his Ex^{cy} his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill

Hen: Denton Cl Concil.

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Wee have pervsed the late Act of parliam^t relating to Scotch traders in these plantacons & also the other Acts of trade of king Charles the second & cannot find anything therein contained to debarr the naturalizacon of any other nation vnles Scotchmen Therefore humbly pray y' Excy in regard the two persons proposed to be naturalized have long resided in this province & are not scotchmen but the one an Italian & the other a German that the Act for their Naturalizacon be passt.

Signed p ord W Bladen Cl Del.

Ordered that an answer to the same be drawne vp which was done as followes Viz^t

By his Excy the Govern & Council June 9th 1697.

The message by Cap^t Tasker & M^r Blay last sent about the naturalizing those two psons was recd & here read which his Ex^{cy} is willing to assent to provided there be an excepcon therein soe farr as the late Act of parliament for preventing frauds & regulating abuses in the plantacon trade will admit & allow off but not otherwayes.

Sign'd p ord Hen. Denton Cl Concil.

Ordered that the s^d answer be carried to the house by p. 43 the hon^{ble} Coll Hutchins in the morning.

June 10th 1697.

The Council again Sate & were present as yesterday. His hon' Coll Hutchins aquaints his Excy that he has delivered the message last night given him in Charge.