

L. H. J. Sent by Cap^t Hoskins and Major Walter Smith.
House adjourned till 6 of the clock to Morrow Morning.

Friday June the 4th 1697.

House mett and read over what was done Yesterday.

The Severall members appointed to goe upon the Indian Treaty to take leave and departe the house.

A Bill enabling M^{rs} Herman to sell land in this porte according to the Late husbands contract read the second tyme and passed.

It being proposed by his Ex^{cy} that a law be made to appoint two persons in each County neare to the Indians to heare and determine all controversies and disputes between them and the English.

Resolved such Bille be prepared.

House adjourned to six of the clocke to Morrow morning.

Saturday June the 5th 1697.

House mett, and read over what was done yesterday.

Referred to the Committee of Laws to consider of a Bill for selling Colonel Talbotts efunding the Country his Imprisonment ffees.

Major Hutchison, Cap^t Hill, and M^r Robert Smith added to the Committee of Lawes. A Bill impowering the vestrys to purchase Lands for churches and Chappels and confirming the Titles of Land, whereon churches are built read the second tyme.

A Bill impowering M^{rs} Herman to sell Land in this porte read the third tyme and passed nemine Contradicente.

Moved that the Right hon^{ble} the Lords of the Councill for Trades be addressed for a Seperate Convoy for this Country.

Resolved that it will not be convenient to address their Lordships for such convoy, in regard that the Virginia Fleet may have quicker dispatch then ours and thereby forestall our markt of Tobaccoe.

M^r Clarke presents the following reporte from the Comitee of Lawes.

It being referred to this Committee of Lawes to consult the old Law for Regulating the Militia of this province.

The Committee haveing seriously and deliberately consulted the old Law, and debated the severall proposalls of his Ex^{cy} to be enacted into a new Law do finde that the said proposalls tend much to the regulating of the Militia, as likewise the case of the poorer sorte of Inhabitants.

But for as much as there is an appearance at this tyme of