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Journal. Whereupon the house Resolved themselves into a Grand Committee of the whole house to debate whether the old Law for regulating the Militia shall be altered and a Law made for new modelizing the same or not? and Choose M^r Philip Clarke Chairman.

The Committee adjourned to the house, and M^r Speaker having taken the chair, M^r Clarke reports that the Committee do unanimously agree that the old Law stands as it is without any maⁿer of Alteration.

Whereupon the following Message is sent to his Ex^{cy} and his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Councill &c.

By the house of Delegates March the 22nd 1697/8.

In answer to the Message sent by the hon^{ble} Col: Robotham and Thomas Tench Esq. desireing this house to appoint some of the members to Joine with some Gentlemen, of his Maty^s hon^{ble} Councill to Consider of drawing up a Bill for the better regulating the Militia of this province, the house being resolved in to a grand Comⁱtee upon mature debate have unanimously resolved that the old Law stand as it is without any maⁿer of Alteration.

Sent by Major Ham^ond, M^r Ben: Hall, M^r Saunders, M^r Young M^r Crauford, M^r Harris, M^r Campbell, M^r Whittington, M^r Cavile and M^r Elisha Hall.

House adjourned for an hour.

Post Merediem House met.

A Bill empowering the Comissioners of the County Courts to raise and leavy money for defraying the necessary charges of theire Countys, read the first and second time and passed.

A Bill for better dividing and laying out of S^t Pauls & Shrewsburys parishes read the 2^d time and passed.

The aforesaid two Bills and the bill for the stay of Executions after the 10th day of May yearly. Sent by Major Ham^ond and others, Members; to his Matys hon^{ble} Councill

Referred to the Comⁱtee of Laws, to consider of the Law for assertaining the Sallery of his Maty^s hon^{ble} Councill.

M^r Masons Letter and account of the publick Treasury of Money and Tobacoe in his hands read.

Ordered, that the said M^r Mason make a more full and perfect account and swears to the same ag^t next sessions, or ag^t October next.

Committee of Laws sent out.

It being proposed by his Ex^{cy} the Governour in Councill that a Law should be made for an Easy and expeditious way of decideing differences between Masters and Servants.