

endorsed to M^r Sam^l Groom or order: tho being protested It ^{Original} cannot be allowed before M^r Cooksey's acc^{ts} and the Com- ^{Journal.} mittee and other papers are Inspected and passed.

Therefore is referred till the next sessions of Assembly as the drawing forms of oaths to be taken by the officers and charge for the Grand Jurys is referred.

It is proposed that the Gen^t of his Matys: hon^{ble} Council be also paid out of the 20000^l Tob^o Surplus Tobb^o to be leavyed as well as as the provinciall Iustices.

His Ex^{cy} has rec^d back M^r Platers and M^r Muschamps acc^{ts} expecting you would have made some remarques upon them which you have not done.

In answer to the Message about some of his Matys hon^{ble} Council to be joyned to the Comittee appointed for apportioning the publick leavy his Ex^{cy} dos say that what has been done in my Lord Baltemores time will not be admitted as ^{p. 212} p^rsidentiaall but his Matys hon^{ble} Council dos say that in Gov^r Copleys time some of their members were allways Ioyned not onely in apportioning the Leavy, but also with the Comittee of accounts; and do think themselves to have as much Right to be concerned therein as the members of the house of Delegates.

Therefore it is expected that all the Gen^t proposed be Incerted and first nominated in the Leavy Law otherwise it will not be passed.

As to your earnest Expecting his Ex^{cys} Comānds to attend this Board in order to put an end to this sessions, his Ex^{cy} does say that if you had taken the methods proposed to you att first your hopes and Expectations might have been answered long ago and Saved the Country a great many Thousand pounds of Tobacca.

The Acc^{ts} of Gov^r Copley's time are not returned with your remarks thereupon.

Whereupon Debated and Resolved the following answers be sent to his Ex^{cy} and his Matys: hon^{ble} Council.

By the house of Delegates Aprill the 2nd 1698.

As to M^r Sewell, seeing we are to disburse the Country's money we are the proper Iudges of what is fitting to be allowed.

As to his Matys: hon^{ble} Council what we first designed was true, yet we are so tender of their Hon^{rs} that we should not suffer it to appear upon our Iournal.

As to M^r Denton, that which your Ex^{cy} and Council call a Comittee, this house thō they acquiest with it do not approve of that it should be called by that name being the people