

Original where either party are protestants they be not marryed but by  
Journal. a minister of the Church of England. That where ministers  
are appointed none be marryed by a Justice of the peace.

That a penalty be imposed one such who marry or are  
marryed contrary to the Intent of this Law.

That this be a Supplicatory Bill and that the house make  
some declaration Whether or no by the Clause (in the Act for  
the Establishm<sup>t</sup> of the protestant Religion) for registering  
Births Marriages and Burials Quakers be not obliged to Reg<sup>r</sup>  
their Births Marriages and Burialls w<sup>th</sup> the Clks of the Vestry.

Ordered that his Ma<sup>tys</sup> Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> draw a Draught of the  
said Law for p<sup>us</sup>all of this Boarde

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> is pleased to propose to the Board that Whereas  
the House of Delegates do sitt at the Vast Charge of the  
Country and will not proceed to doe any Busieness for the  
Advantage thereof they should give their Advice what are the  
best methods to be used—and desires their answer to morrow  
or on munday morning.

This Board adjourne themselves untill to morrow morning  
at 8 of the Clock

Saturday Octob the 29<sup>th</sup> 1698

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> his Ma<sup>tys</sup> Councill Sate in Assembly p<sup>r</sup>sent as  
yesterday

p<sup>r</sup>sent alsoe the hon<sup>ble</sup> Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Chiefe Justice of  
the Proviciall Court

p 16 Came the following Message from the house of Delegates  
by Maj<sup>or</sup> John Low and four other Members Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of Delegates &  
To his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and his Ma<sup>tys</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup>

Before our last prorogation Wee made S<sup>r</sup> humble Addresses  
to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> and hon<sup>bl</sup> Councill to enlarge M<sup>r</sup> Philip Clarke  
being a member of this house to Serve in the Assembly  
Whereupon yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to prorogue this house.  
And being again mett and still finding the said M<sup>r</sup> Clarke in  
prison Yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> We hope will hold us excused if Wee doe  
judge it our Duty to our Country Still to insist on our privi-  
ledges and againe humbly to Supplicate yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> to Suffer the  
said M<sup>r</sup> Clarke to Serve in this house.

The house of Delegates in this province haue all wayes  
claymed as their Birthright the Same privilegedges as the house  
Comons clayme in England neither his present Ma<sup>ty</sup> nor any