

Whereupon the Gentⁿ say they thinke not

A Bill for the more Effectuall Surpressing cursing and swearing read the first tyme

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A Bill impowering the Vestrys to levy tob: to repair their Churches and purchase Reg^r Books &c read the first tyme

A Bill for preventing the Sheriffs Serving Delegates and Justices to serve as Jurymen read the first tyme

A Bill for Speedy conveying publicke Lrēs & pacquettes read the first tyme

A Bill to buy Land at the Coole Springs &c read the first tyme

Upon again reading the Message of the House relating to to M^r Mason his Ex^{cy} says he does not conceive the suspending him any Infringem^t of the Law for that he was disabled by Conviction &c

This Board adjourn'd till to morrow morning at 8 of the Clock

Tuesday No^r the 8th the Councill in Assembly sate p^rsent as yesterday

The hon^{ble} Thom^s Brooke and James Frisby Esq^{rs} sent to Comānd M^r Speaker and the house to attend his Ex^{cy} in Councill

Whereupon came M^r Speak^r and the house to attend his Ex^{cy} in Councill Where he is pleased to tell them that M^r Rob^t Mason was indicted and by his own Confession convicted & Stands bound by Recognizance being found to be a malignant pson by severall Oaths As to their Expressions of infringing the Laws for the ten p Cent 4^d p Gallon &c his Ex^{cy} shews them his Ma^{tys} Royall Comissions which he has the hono^r to bear shews them the statutes of England and Booke of Laws of this province & defies them all to tax him of the breach of Infringem^t of any of them or of his Ma^{tys} Royall Instructions

Askes them if any mony or tob. raised the Acts for Impositions on Offices Liquors and haue been otherwise disposed of or applyed then according to the Directions of the said Laws.

If he had gone about to pockett any they might have had some Grounds but so farr from that that he Could not gett the mony pursuant to Ordinance of Assembly to this Day from M^r Smithson to pay the Workemen employd on the publique Worke.

That he had the Experience to his sorrow what it was to find a Country without any fund whereby to supporte them and therefore According to his promise would Consent that half the Countrys Stock now in Bank should be appropriated toward the defraying the publick Charge this year.