

L. H. J. They returne and say they have seen the s^d Mason make oath to his said acc^a

Ordered that M^r W^m Taylard and M^r Iohn Hall apportion the Publick Leavy.

M^r W Bladen Clk: of his Maj^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill by the Speaker's favour of this house admitted Enters this house and humbly moves this house for 5000^l Tob^o for such part of the countryes business which he did on the acc^t of M^r Henry Denton deceased late clk: of his Maj^{ties} hon^{ble} Councill and for 4000 p^r of Tobacco for 4 months sallary which he claymes as clk: of the Assembly.

Referred till Munday Morning.

The house adjournes till Munday morning Eight of clock.

Dies Lune Novem^r the 7th 1698.

The house mett againe and were called over, absent M^r James Crauford, Cap^t Philip Hoskins, M^r George Ashman, M^r Iohn Ferry M^r W^m Hemsley.

Read over what was done yesterday.

Moved by Major Hamond that the persons that made the ditch might be paid by this house, for that the pay which was allowed them was ordered in the hands of M^r Robert Mason p. 252 publick Treasurer of the Westerne Shore who denyes to pay the same being now out of his office.

This house taken into Consideracōn M^r Bladens mocōn referred till this morning for the allowing him 5000^l Tob^o for the pfecting M^r Dentons Iournalls and other business, are informed that M^r Thomas Grunwin the Att^{vy} of the said M^{rs} Denton and the said Bladen are agreed that the said Bladen shall be allowed out of the Sallary due to the said M^{rs} Denton on the acc^o of her husband the sume of 5000^l Tob^o

Whereupon it is ordered that the Committee make him such allowance out of the Same.

This house likewise Considering the 4 months Sallary Claymed by the said M^r Bladen as clk: of the house of Assembly.

Resolved that he be not allowed any such Sallary.

Bill for the more speedy conveying of publick Letters and packetts &c read the second time.

Bill for repealing the Act Entitled an Act ascertaineing what shall be the Sherriffes duty upon returnes &c read the second time.

Bill for preventing the Sherriffes sumoning Delegates and Justices of the peace to Serve as Iurors read the second time.

Bill for the more Effectuall Suppressing of cursing and Swearing read the second time.