

L. H. J.

Dies Martis. Nov^r the 8^t 1698.

The house mett againe and were called over, Cap^t Tho: Waughop, M^r Philip Clarke, Cap^t Philip Hoskins, M^r Benjⁿ Hall, M^r Geo: Ashman, M^r Iohn Ferry and M^r W^m Hemsley being absent. M^r William Hemsley enters the house.

Read M^{rs} Lewellins peticōn for 1800^{lb} of Tob^o due for her husbands Sallery as clk: of the Councill.

Referred to the Committee of acc^s to be allowed if not already paid.

Read M^r Feilders peticōn for allowance for making the modell of the Church and drawing Severall draughts of the Same.

Referred to the Committee of accounts to allow him 5^{ls} Sterl:

The hon^{ble} Thomas Brookes Esq. and Iames Frisby Esq. enter the house and informe M^r Speaker that his Ex^{cy} Comānds him and the whole house to attend him and the Councill Immediately.

M^r Bladen Clk: of his Maj^{ties} hon^{ble} Councill enters the house and informs the Clk: of this house that his Ex^{cy} in his Maj^{ties} name comands him to bring the Journall last night Sealed up before his Ex^{cy} and Councill.

M^r Speaker and the house go to the Councill Chamber

Att the Councill Chamber the house was called over, and the persons aforementioned were absent.

His Ex^{cy} was pleased to order the clk: of the Councill to read the address of this house on behalfe of M^r Robert Mason, upon which his Exc^y was pleased to remarke.

1. The cause of his suspending M^r Robert Mason from Executing the office of Treas^r was that because he was found Guilty by the Grand Jury of this province of a notorious Crime and for which he was indicted and by his own Confession acknowledged himselfe Guilty. Wherefore he thinks that he has in no wayes infringed the Laws of this province for that upon such occasions the power was Invested him when the officers had by any means Incapacitated themselves for to appoint others.

2. That as he governs this Country by Comission from his most sacred Maj^{ty} King William the third to whose Laws we all pay reverence and obedience, that in obedience to an order he rec^d from their Ex^{cys} The Lords of the Councill for Trade and plantations he had sent to the said Mason to Comānd him to send his acc^o which he had refused to do for a considerable time and when he did send his acc^o that he had over charged the Country 50^l Sterl:

3. That no money had been demanded of him nor appropriated to any other use then what had been allowed of by the