

Original Journal. Selfe is so small and inconsiderable that it amounts not to any Suitable Encouragem<sup>t</sup> to good meritt which hath Occasion his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Since his Arrivall to require the Attendance of the Clergy by turns at this place which in winter is Conceived will be very Burthensom besides depriving their respective parishes.

And the reasons why this parish was laid out so small, was because it was allotted for the residence and Care of D<sup>r</sup> Bray in whom upon his Arrivall the Comissarys Office was settled which would largely Supply the defficiency af<sup>d</sup>

But forasmuch as the s<sup>d</sup> Docto<sup>r</sup> Bray after 3 years Expectation is not yet arrived nor has given any Assurance when he will Come so that this place without some Care be without a Cure &c.

It is therefore recomended to the house to joyne with this Board in Annexing the next Adjacent parish to this place which will make a Competent Supporte to some Able and discreet Divine to Come and reside here and performe such holy ffunctions as are requisite and becomeing the place

the above Mess: sent to the house } Signed p Order  
by Tho: Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> and Col } W Bladen Cl Concil.  
John Addison.

The Board adjourned 'till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon

Post Meridiem.

Councill Sate p<sup>r</sup>sent as in the forenoon.

Ordered by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> in Councill That M<sup>r</sup> Iohn West, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Grundy, L<sup>t</sup> Col Henry Low and M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Taylor the Sherriffs of Somersett, Talbott, S<sup>t</sup> Marys and Dorchester Countys be Continued in their Severall Offices for the year Ensueing and that Comissions be p<sup>r</sup>pared therefore

Message from the house by Col Thompson & Cap<sup>t</sup> Hutchison Viz<sup>t</sup>

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The Message by the hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench and Iohn Addison Esq<sup>rs</sup> has been here Considered and forasmuch as the parishes in this County are so well Settled we humbly desire to be Excused from Concurring with your Ex<sup>cy</sup>s and the hon<sup>ble</sup> Councills proposition in Annexing the next Adjacent parish to this But if your Ex<sup>cy</sup> shall be pleased to Appoint some person of Desert in this parish and as it is represented to be inconsiderable to the neighbouring parishes yet as being a Resident here he will be ready to attend on the provinciall Courts and Assemblys And in Consideration of the Services this