

Original
Journal.

By his Ex^{cy} the Governo^r and Council in Assembly
Iuly the 14th 1699.

The Board takeing into Consideration the dreadfull Accident that happened yesterday to the State house and the great danger of burning thereof, Do recomend to the house that four or five Small Water Engines and Twenty leather Bucketts may be sent for by the p^rsent shipping which may be hung up in the Court house and ready upon any such unhappy Occasion which God prevent

Signed per Order
W Bladen Cl Concil

Sent p Thomas Tasker & Francis Jenkins Esq^{rs}
The Board adjourned till the Afternoon

Post Meridiem

Came Cap^t Hoskins and M^r Bozmane for some of the Members of this Board to Come down and see M^r Briscoe an Elected Member for Charles County Sworne.

The honble Col Iohn Courts Sent to have him Sworne

The Councill adjourned untill 8 a Clock to Morrow Morning

Saturday Iuly the 15th 1699.

The Councill Sate Absent Col Hen: Iowles & Tho: Brook Esq^{rs}

p. 69 Came from the house Col Thompson & M^r Ashman & brought a Bill Impowering the Vestrymen to Assess their parishioners to finish and repaire Churches &c read the first time and will pass with Some Small Amendment

A Bill restraining the Extortions of Sherriffs and Deputy Comissarys read the first time.

A Bill for Appeals and regulateing Writts of Erro^r read and will pass with these Alterations, Viz^t

1. Instead of Saying no Officer shall take any other ffees on a Writ of Erro^r &c then herein mentioned, it be said, these officers hereafter mentioned, by reason the words no Officers seem too Generall and includes the sherriffe Attorney and Clerk of the Superio^r Court who by this Act have no ffees att all Allowed them.

2. Where the Appeals and Writts of Erro^r are from the provinciall to the Governo^r and Council are limited to one hundred pounds Sterl or 20000^s Tobb^a it be limited to a less Sumē Viz^t to 50^l or 10000^l of Tobb^a it seeming hard to the Subject to debarr him the benefitt of the Law for any Sumē amounting to or Exceeding these latter Sum̄s and which