

and returned to the house by Col Courts and Rob<sup>t</sup> Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Original Journal. who are Ordered to swear M<sup>r</sup> James Philips Returned Delegate for Baltimore County, According to the houses request by Liv<sup>t</sup> Col Eñalls and Cap<sup>t</sup> Moreland.

Col Iohn Courts & Rob<sup>t</sup> Smith Esq<sup>rs</sup> returne & Reporte that according to Order they had Administred the Oaths &c to M<sup>r</sup> James Philips who &c

The Board Adjourned till to morrow  
Morning 8 of the Clock

Iuly the 18<sup>th</sup> 1699.

Councill Sate Absent Col Iohn Addison

Came from the house M<sup>r</sup> Campbell and others & brought these Bills Viz<sup>t</sup>

A Bill for speedy for small Debts read the first time & passed.

A Bill of Gratuity to Col Ninian Beal read & passed

A Bill rectifying the ill practice of the Attorneys of this province.

A Bill for raising a Supply towards defraying the publick Levy of this province read & will pass w<sup>th</sup> a Clause of debenture for what Exported

A Bill for settling Assemblys and provinciall Courts att the Porte of Annapolis read the first time

A Bill for Assureing 500 Acres of Land to Henry Wallice read the 1<sup>st</sup> time

Came L<sup>t</sup> Col Smithson with M<sup>r</sup> Campbell & D<sup>r</sup> Lockerman from the house and the s<sup>d</sup> Col. Smithson is sworne to his publick Treasurer's Acc<sup>ts</sup>

It falling under Consideration of the Board how unserviceable and irregular the Militia of this province now stands, His Ex<sup>ty</sup> is pleased to propose to the house of Delegates thus Viz<sup>t</sup> p. 77

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I have and do Intend to give out Comissions to all the officers of the Militia and am Desireous to make them not onely Serviceable to the province with all Imaginable Ease to themselves but to Appear like Soldiers and not a Confused Rabble with Sticks and Clubbs and the way to Effect it I take to be by Altering your Law of three Barrells of Corne att the Expiration of Each Male Serv<sup>ts</sup> Time in lieu of which or Some part lett every Master be obliged to give him a good Musquett of Twenty shilling price which method I leave to your better Consideration

N: Blakiston