

Sent by Capt: Waughop, Major Lowe, Maj^r Thomas Smith, M^r Sanders M^r Leech, Cap^t Hoskins, M^r Ferry, M^r Tilghman, M^r Campbell, Carvill and M^r Wight, who returne to the house and say they have delivered their Message.

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Severall papers relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation as also a comission to administer an oath to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r for the increase of Shipping and navigation, read in the house.

The house adjourned till 7 of the Clock on Munday Morning

Munday March 14th 1697/8.

House met, and being called over, was absent M^r James Crauford.

Ordered that there be two Journalls Kept of the proceedings of this house, And that the clarke employ an assistant.

Resolved that the following Oath of Clark of the house be administered to William Bladen the present clark.

You W. Bladen as clark of the house of Delegates do swear that according to the best of your skill and knowledge you will well and faithfully Execute your said office and keep a fair Journall of the houses proceedings and returne the same into the Secretarys office without any alteracōn, and that you shall not divulge reveale or disclose the secretts of the house to any person whatsoever. So help you God.

M^r William Harris and M^r Iohn Hall sent to the hon^{ble} the Chancell^r along with the clark to have him sworne.

Who returne to the House and Reporte, that they saw the above oath administered unto him which he tooke.

Resolved that the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill for the reviving of the process of Cecill County Court lately discontinued by the falling of that Court. Committee of Agrievances Sent out. p. 165

Put to the Question and Resolved by a Majority of voices that a Bill be prepared to alter the winter County Courts (that is to Say) January Court to the same Tuesday in Aprill, and the act for Superseeding executions to take place the tenth of May.

House adjourned till 12th of the clock.

Post Meridiem. House mett.

And Resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r & his Maty^s hon^{ble} Councill Viz^t

By the house of Delegates March 14th 1697/8.

This house being well apprized of an ordinance made att a sessions of Assembly held in May 1696, as appears by the