

Original  
Journal. Further Reported by the said Cōmittee of Agrievances that  
whereas by an ordinance of Assembly there is 400<sup>l</sup> of Tob<sup>o</sup>  
allowed for suing of Bonds due to his Matys attorney Gen<sup>l</sup> and  
other the Kings Lawyers for Lucre of the said office have putt  
in suite severall Bonds when Certificates have been lodged in  
the Secretarys office for discharge of the same, and have like-  
wise putt in suite severall County Bonds tho there hath been  
no default, to the great oppression of the inhabitants of this  
province, therefore desire that the said ordinance may be Ex-  
plained and that the said attorneys have no fees for the same.

Referred to the Comittee of Laws to make an Explaining  
ordinance for redress thereof.

House adjourned for 2 hours.

Post merediem, house mett and called over.

p. 169 Major Walter Smith, and M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Hall returne to the  
house and Reporte that M<sup>r</sup> Henry Denton Clk: of the Coun-  
cill says that he has no such papers as the Kings Lawyers  
opinions and other papers relating to M<sup>r</sup> Iames Crauford.

Then came down the hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench Esq: and Col:  
John Addison and acquaint the house that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> orders and  
comands M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the house Imediately to attend  
him att the Councill chamber. And th<sup>t</sup> if M<sup>r</sup> Speaker was so  
much indisposed that he could not come up thither his Ex<sup>cy</sup>  
would come down to M<sup>r</sup> Speakers chamber.

Resolved that the following Message be sent to his Ex<sup>cy</sup>

By the house of Delegates March 17<sup>th</sup> 1697/8.

This house considering the sickness of our Speaker if your  
Ex<sup>cy</sup> pleases to condesend so fare as to come down to the  
Speakers chamber we shall be ready to receive your Excel-  
lency.

Signed p Or<sup>d</sup> W Bladen Ck: house of Delegate.

Sent p M<sup>r</sup> Campbell and M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Carvile who return and  
say they have delivered their Message and that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and  
His Matys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill are att hand.

House adjourned for one hour. House again mett.

Resolved the following Message be sent to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the  
Governour and his Matys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill.

By the house of Delegates March 17<sup>th</sup> 1697/8.

This house humbly desire his Ex<sup>cy</sup> will be pleased to order  
the clarke of the Councill to deliver to our members herewith