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Post Meridiem. The house mett ag<sup>e</sup> and were called over and were p<sup>r</sup>sent as in the morning.

James Frisby and Francis Jenkins Esq<sup>rs</sup> enters the house and Delivers to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Speaker a message relateing to the cleaning the publick armes. Referred to further consideracon

A message brought here yesterday by Coll<sup>o</sup> Hamond and Coll<sup>o</sup> Ienkins follows, viz<sup>t</sup>

By the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill in Assembly May 12<sup>th</sup> 1701.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> haveing this Day required our sentiments upon the rumour of an vnavoidable warr likely to ensue in Europe w<sup>t</sup> methods would most conduce to the rendering the millitia of this province more usefull and necessary for the defence thereof ag<sup>t</sup> any sudaine Invasion from a forreign enemy, wee recomend it to your consideracon whether the s<sup>d</sup> Millitia may be better regulated for the defence of the province, and that you will acquaint us with the resolucons of your house there-upon.

Signed p order. W Bladen Clk. Councill.

When being read and considered putt to the vote whether a Comittee shall goe out to Consider whether the Act of Militia in force should stand upon the same foot that it now does or not.

Carried by majority of votes that the said act be referred to a Comittee for that purpose, and,

Ordered M<sup>r</sup> Phil<sup>o</sup> Loyd M<sup>r</sup> Mathias Vanderhayden and George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> be added to the Comittee of Laws to Consider thereof.

Rob<sup>t</sup> Smith and francis Ienkins Esq<sup>rs</sup> enter the house and deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker some pet<sup>s</sup> the Consideracon whereof is further referred.

The Message by M<sup>r</sup> Iames ffrisby and Francis Ienkins Esq<sup>rs</sup> read againe this morning and is as followeth.

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill May 13<sup>th</sup> 1701.

Gent:

Since you cannot make an estimate of w<sup>t</sup> the charge will be for cleansing and mending the armes out of Kelter in each County it is thought fitt that the Coll. of each County view them and keep them in good repaire which are now serviceable and gett all the rest mended and what charges it amo<sup>ts</sup> to in each County that the respective Coll<sup>o</sup> draw a note upon his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> who will pay the money. And since expe-