

P. R. O.

By the Governo^r & Councill in Assembly
May [April] the 28th 1704.

Gent

The hoñble William Blathwaite Esquire his Pattent for being Auditor General of her Majestyes American Plantaōns & collonyes being laid before this Board, and herewith sent you, whereby you may perceiue, what reasonable allowance for that service his Majesty has thought fitt to make him, out of and from the Revenue of each respective Plantaōn and Collony then under his Royall Governement, the Governement of this Province being then in Proprietors hands, was the reason that noe such provision was made for him here, Butt itt being conceived tht the s^d Auditor generall may be of great Friendship and service to this Province The accounts of whatever is raised or leavyed here, whither money or Tob, being to be layed and passed before the Lord high Treasurer of England, Wee hope that you will thinke fittige to provide some suitable gratuity by a reasonable yearly allowance to be made unto him for such his service, as you will see other plantations and Collonyes, are directed by his Pattent, the Publick accounts of this Province being now under his care, by the Governm^t being taken into his Ma^{tys} more immediate princely care & Royall Jurisdiction

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Sign'd p Ord^r
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Sent to the house by M^r Sanders & M^r Coursey

A Bill for selling Cap^t Henry Smiths Land for paym^t of Debts was Read & sent to the house by M^r Sanders & M^r Coursey.

The Councill adjourns untill Eight of the Clock to morrow Morning.

Saturday April 29th 1704.

The Councill Sate present as Yesterday

Saving M^r Smith & Col^l Holland who were Order'd last Night on the Conference.

Came S^r Thomas Laurence & pray'd to be heard to the Bill for regulating Ordinarys before the same be passd & is Directed to apply to the Gentⁿ appointed upon the Conference

Came M^r W^m Coursey appointed by this Board by her most Sacred Ma^{tys} Royall Instruccōns & took & Subscribd the Oaths & Test Required &c.

Came M^r Smith & L^t Col^l Holland from the conference to Report that the conferree's from the house had agreed to the Amendments in the Bill proposed for Regulating Ordinarys.