

P. R. O. Proposed by a Member whether it be not of Service to the Country that application be made to the Commodore to Stay some longer tyme to take the remainder of the Ships under his convoy or not

Putt to the Question whether itt will be of Service to the Country or not Carried in the affirmatiue, and ordered that applicaōn be made accordingly, and a Message to his Excy for that purpose follows

By the house of Delegates  
May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1704

Upon consideraōn of the Commodores saileing the first of this moneth, and the assurance that not aboue one third part of the fleett cann Saile with him soe soone, and that two frigotts more are dayly Expected, Wee most humbly move yo<sup>r</sup> Excy and the honble her Majestyes Councill to represent the same on behalfe of the Province, and pray the honble Capt<sup>n</sup> Evans Commodore of this Fleet to consider the p<sup>r</sup>misses, & take such measures as may be most proper for her Majestyes Service and Security of the p<sup>r</sup>sent Fleett by staying some Tyme longer till the Fleett may be ready to Saile, and the other Frigotts arrive

Signed p order W Taylard Ck house Del

It has been represented to the house that the Commodore imported into this Province Sev<sup>n</sup> Quantities of Rum̄e, and some Negroes upon which there is a Duty

Therefore resolved that itt be enquired into of the Navall officers whether Entry has been made of any & what quantity

M<sup>r</sup> Young and M<sup>r</sup> Lynes are ordered to make Enquiry w<sup>t</sup> Rum̄ and Negro's were imported and Sold here, and th<sup>t</sup> they make report thereof to the house forthwith

The house proceed to the settlem<sup>t</sup> of Naturalizaōn fees

	l.	s.	d.
John Jewart to the honble Speaker	04.	00.	00
Arnold Livers to the honble Speaker	04.	00.	00
Christopher Smythers to the honble Speaker	02.	00.	00
Fees to W Taylard Ck house			
John Jewart	02.	00.	00
Arnold Livers	2.	00.	00
Xper Smythers	1.	00.	00

The honble W<sup>m</sup> Holland Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Councill enters the house & Delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the houses Lre to Coff Blakiston the agent Endorsed Eod die read & assented to be sent our agent Signed p order W Bladen Ck Council