

P. R. O. mittee of yo<sup>r</sup> house to joyne with his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Council for the Safety of the Province in case of any Emergency as formerly

5<sup>th</sup> Whether it be not requisite to renew the former Order to some p<sup>rs</sup>ons to Treat with those Indians at the head of the Bay since the p<sup>rs</sup>ons before appointed have done nothing therein w<sup>ch</sup> is beleived here to be a matter of great consequence

Signed p Order W<sup>m</sup> Bladen  
Clerk Council

Which was read and referred till the Afternoon  
The house adjournes till two o'clock

Post Merediem

Eod Die The house mett and were called over  
Present as in the morning.

Coll<sup>l</sup> John Courts and Francis Jenkins Esq<sup>rs</sup> enter the house and Presents the following Message to the Speaker viz<sup>t</sup>

fo. 15 By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council in Assembly  
Aprill 30<sup>th</sup> 1700

Herewith is Sent you a Copy of one of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Royall instruccons to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> relateing to Storehouses for Keeping and Secureing of Publick Arms and Ammunition, whereupon it is recomended to yo<sup>r</sup> consideration and care to provide some convenient house in this Towne for a Publick Storehouse to receive and Secure the Publick Armes & Ammunition of this Province upon their Arrivall from England and that some person be appointed to take Acco<sup>t</sup> of looke after and Cleane the said Armes for that Severall of them for want therefore are much diminished by rust and the Cartouch Boxes belts and Swords Scabards Eaten by the rats and several of the Arms lost and the Powder lyeing in a dangerous manner no pticular p<sup>rs</sup>on haveing the charge thereof

Signed p Order W<sup>m</sup> Bladen Clk Council

Copy of the Instruccons viz<sup>t</sup>

You are to take especial care that fitt Store houses be settled throughout that province for receiving and Keeping of Armes and Amunition and other Publick Stores

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