

Orderd that the message for revising the laws be prepard against the morning which follows Viz^t

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By the house of Delegates Sept^r 6th 1704

Upon reading and debating the laws This house Nemine Contradicente Resolves it is Absolutely necessary that the whole body of the laws be revis'd and that it be now done Accordingly. If therefore Your Ex^{cy} and Council have any thing to offer on this Subject this house is ready to receive it

Signd p order W^m Taylard Cl house Del

The honoble Thomas Tench and Robert Smith Esq^{rs} from the Council enters the house and delivers M^r Speaker the following Message

By his Ex^{cy} the Govern^r & Council in Assembly
Sept^r 6. 1704.

Gent Whereas his Ex^{cy} is inform'd that one Edward Hilhard had Without any Authority from his Ex^{cy} or this board made use of his Ex^{cys} name to require three of the houses members to Come from the house before his Ex^{cy} the Govern^r and Council Gent Wee doe assure you that the said Hilhard did the same of his owne head And that his Ex^{cy} the Govern^r and this board did not ever in the least Give any such directions but will Allways be very tender of the rights and privileidges of the house of Delegates And therefore take this occasion to prevent any Misapprehensions.

Signd p order W Bladen Clk Coun

Which being read in the house It is Resolved the same be Answerrd in the Morning.

The house Adjourns till to morrow morn Eight A Clock.

Thursday Sept^r 7th 1704

The house mett againe and being All calld over were present as Yesterday.

M^r Gerrard Fowlke a member for Charles County enters the house and its Orderd that Col^t James Smallwood goe with him to his Ex^{cy} to see him sworne.

He returnes and says he saw him take the oaths According to Act of parliament and signe the test and oath of Abjuracon