

P. R. O. Orderd M^r Robert Gouldesbourough M^r Thomas Frisby
 B. T. Md. M^r James Phillips & M^r Iohn Wells carry up to his Ex^{cy} and
 Vol. 17. Councill the following message.

By the house of Delegates.

Sept^r 7. 1704

In Answer to A message sent to this house from his Ex^{cy} the Governour and the honorable Councill by Thomas Tench & Robert Smith Esq^{rs} Yesterday the house orderd that the thanks of this house be given to his Ex^{cy} for this kind Expressions of A tender regard he hath of the libertys and priviledg's of the members of this house Express in the said Message. and they doe humbly hope that his Ex^{cy} will be pleasd to Continue the same.

Signd p order

W Taylard Clk ho: Del

They returne and say they deliverd their Message.

Moovd by a member that for-as-much as M^r Iohn Hamond A Delegate for Ann Arrundell County has Absolutely denied and refused the oaths Appointed by law & is Altogether uncapeable to Serve in this house

It is therefore orderd that M^r Speaker issue his Warrant to her Maj^{ty} principall Secretary or his D^{ty} to make out A new Witt of Election for A member instead of M^r Hamond to serve in this Assembly.

Which Accordingly issued, and sent the hono^r Secretary or his Deputy by the hands of George Muschamp Esq^r

Whoe returnes and says he deliverd the same.

Orderd by the house that M^r Sam^l Young one of her Majestys Iustices of the provinciall Court and A member of this house call before him George Vallentine Serjeant Attendant and Moses Adney door keeper And Adm^{str}ster to them an oath that they or either of them shall not directly or indirectly declare or devulge any of the debates or Secretts of the house so long as they Continue in such offices.

M^r Young returnes into the house and says he has Adm^{str}stred such oath to them

Bill for regulating ordinary's &c^a brought into the house.

Read the first time & endorsd that it doe pass and prayd that his Ex^{cy} the Governour & Councill will concurr therewith
 Signd p order W^m Taylard Clk house Del.

Sent up to his Ex^{cy} and Councill By Maj^r W^m Barton Major Iohn Taylor M^r Robert Tiler M^r Sam^l Magruder M^r Ioseph Hill M^r Ioseph Ennalls and M^r Iohn Hudson