

remain After All debts and charges paid and disbursd And Acco<sup>ts</sup> passed before the Comissary there shall be no such duty Allowd but the remainder to be left intire for such as shall have right to the same.

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Resolvd it be Ascertaind by A law.  
The house Adjournes till 2 A Clock Afternoon.

Post Merediem

The house mett againe being calld over were All p<sup>r</sup>sent as in the morning

M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stone A member for Charles Co<sup>ty</sup> enters the house.

The house being Informd that Coll Tho<sup>s</sup> Smithson A member of this house is come to towne Its Resolvd by the house that in the gratefull remembrance of the many Eminent Services he has done to this province the whole house with the Speaker will wait on him to his place in the house which was done Accordingly

Orderd that M<sup>r</sup> Elias King M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Frisby M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Barton M<sup>r</sup> Ioseph Hill & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Watts attend the honorable Thomas Smithson Esq<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stone to see them take the oaths &c<sup>a</sup> before his Ex<sup>cy</sup> in Councill.

They returne and say they saw them sworne & signe the test and oath of Abjuration & that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> thanks the house for the house for the hono<sup>r</sup> done to so worthy a person as Coll Smithson in sending soe many members of the house to Attend him.

Then was read the following Lre directed to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker Viz<sup>t</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker

I haue kept my bed this tenn days with A Swelling in my feet and knees w<sup>ch</sup> is the Cause of my Absence as soon as possibly I cann shall Attend my duty I hope my p<sup>r</sup>sent inabillity will be Sufficient to excuse who am S<sup>r</sup> Yo<sup>r</sup> humb Serv<sup>t</sup>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1704 Henry Coursy

Which being read in the house his excuse is Allowd of

Orderd that Coll Tho<sup>s</sup> Smithson M<sup>r</sup> Robt. Goldesborough M<sup>r</sup> Charles Greenberry M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Stone and M<sup>r</sup> Elias King be & are by the house appointed A Comittee of laws.

The referrence relating to the Conversion of the Indians was read & referrd till the morning for consideracon

The proposall of last Session of making A law to suppress popish preists and others from perverting her Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Subjects & bringing them over to the Church of Rome &c. was read And the house finding it A matter highly to be considerd