

the province and Its been an ease to the poorer sorte of people by laying it upon the richer the Same being very Small and the Sallary for Collecting Scarce Acceptable to any man, And its utterly impracticable to be Accomptable to any other person then has been us'd, Her Maj^{ty} Gov^r being allways upon the place And Sees how its disposed of so that this house cannot without Apparent prejudice to the Countrey make any other Alteracon in the method of Accounting for it then what has been made.

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2 & 3^d Articles relating to the Militia and false musters was likewise read and debated in the house and Jts Resolved that the present law Stand with some small Alteracon Viz^t that Xtian Negroe Slaves be not included in Musters.

The other Articles referrd to A further consideration

The house Adjourns till to morrow Morning Eight a Clock.

Saturday Sept^r 9th 1704

The house Againe mett according to Adjournm^t being Calld over All were present as Yesterday only M^r Thom^s Greenfeild.

Read what was done Yesterday.

The house now proceed to debate the other Articles of her Maj^{ty}s royall instructions. Viz^t

4. That fitt Storehouses be settled through the province &c^a
This Article has been fully Argued & debated.

Its resolvd the Country has noe need to be at such charge there being Allready A Storehouse built in Annapolis for the same purpose and provision made by law to Deliver the Arms and Amunition to the Comanders of each respective Co^{ty} whose Estates are lyable to answer for the same by the law Allready made which wee thinke at p^rsent to be Sufficient

5. Article that a Gen^l Survey be made of the whole province &c^a was also read & debated.

Resolvd that the Complying with this Article is Altogeather impossible the bounds of the province not being knownc till the lines of the prop^{ty}s be laid out And the whole province is one entire landing place there being no rocks nor shelves to hinder it

And the Erecting of fortifications is held impracticable because it cannot be able to answer the ends nor the Countrey able to bear the burthen

6. Article that Stocks be provided and publiq work houses built Read and debated.

The house Resolves that the greatest difficulty is in getting people to work rather then finding work for people And that the poore are Sufficiently provided for by law there being no