

P. R. O. The honorable Iohn Hamond Esq^r from the Council enters
 B. T. Md. the house and delivers the following message.
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By the Council in Assembly.
 Sept^r 13 1704

The reporte of the Comittee appointed the 11th Instant touching the designe forming ag^t the constitucon of this Government has been read at this board and its Conceived that the Conferrees haue mistaken the Subject matter of the sd Conference for want of having the same in writing Which by the houses message to this Board was to consider the many Evills that would thereby redound both to her Maj^{ty} Interests and Welfare of this province therefore propose that full instruccons be given them And that they meet againe on that subject by Eight of the Clock to morrow morning.

Signd p order W^m Bladen Cl Coun

Which being read this house concurs therewith & Orderd the members againe Attend the Gent of the Council as desired.

Read what was done Yesterday

Propos'd by a member that the widow of Coll Thompson putts into the Comittee of Accounts for Allowance of A bond of one Sam^l Scotts who dyed insolvent for payment of Dutys on Rum &c. which being referrd to this house by the Comittee of Accounts and Read and debated

Jts Resolved that forasmuch as Coll Thompson neglected the duty of his office in not taking good Scurcety his Estate is lyable to Answer for the same.

The peticon of Iohn Nicholls for Sale of W^m Edmondsons land read and Resolvd it be granted and leave Given to bring in A bill Empowring M^r Nichol^s Lowe Adm^r of the said Decd to sell land for payment of the debt with A Clause that the overplus if any when the debt paid be secured for the orphans to whom the land was Given And not to be taken or deemd Assetts in the hands of the Adm^r.

Bill relating to the Standard of English Weights & Measures.

Read the first time and do pass with Amendm^t

According to order of last night M^r Charles Carroll p Permission enters the house & being demanded why his Lopps Agents Exact 480^l tob for every Warrant for 100 Acres And refuse to give pattents for the land till the purchase money be paid he Answered he has such instruccons from the Lord