

P. R. O. Thomas Tench and John Hamond Esq^{rs} enters the house
B. T. Md. and delivers the following Message.
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By the Council in Assembly
Sep^r 14 1704

Whereas M^r Alexand^r Hall a Gent who has long Servd his Countrey and Crowne of England as an officer Abroad in the Warrs And has the hono^r to be Marryd to A relation to his Ex^{cy} the Governour therefore in Complement to his Ex^{cy} came over into the province with him And Wee desire he may be capable of Serving her Maj^{ty} in Some Small employment in this province notwithstanding the Act prohibiting the same the said M^r Hall being as Wee are credibly informed A very honest Gent
Signd p order W Bladen Ct Council

Which being read this house readily concurr therewith and orderd the same be endorsd and returnd his Ex^{cy} in Council.

Bill Ascertaining the Gage of tob hogsheads

Read the 1st time and do pass wth Amendm^t

M^r Thomas Frisby orderd to Attend M^r Coursey a member for Talbott County into the house.

He enters the house with the said M^r Frisby Accordingly.

Bill Quieting possessions read the 1st time & Comitted for Amendment

Orderd that M^r James Smallwood M^r Tho^s Frisby and M^r John Macall and M^r Thomas Beale Attend M^r Coursey to see him Sworne.

They returne and say they saw him Sworne & Signe the test and Abjuration

Bill declaring fees on private Acts etc.

Bill prohibiting the importation of bread &c^a.

Bill and peticon of Dowlins to Confirme land.

Bill Appointing Court days.

Bill Ascertaining the Gauge of tob hogsheads.

Sent up to his Ex^{cy} and Council p M^r Robt Skinner M^r Tiler and M^r Magruder.

They returne and say they deliverd the bills.

The Committee of Agrievances enters the house & delivers the reporte. orderd to be entred. vizt.

It is humbly offerd that the exporting Iron out of this province is A great Agreivance.

Jt is humbly offerd as A great aggreivance to the inhabitants of the back plantacons who by reason of their remoteness from the Water haue not the Advantage of landing places for their Goods or Rolling houses to lay their tobacco in till