

Lib. 41. Ordered That the Clerk of this House inspect the Journal of the last Sessions of Assembly and draw therefrom all References to this Session & produce to the next for Consideration

The House adjourns till 7 O'clock to Morrow Morning.

Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1705

The House again met and being called over were present as yesterday

A Member of this House informed M<sup>r</sup> Speaker that M<sup>r</sup> Henry Coursey a Member for Talbot County is now under great Affliction with the Gout whereby he is incapable of attending the House therefore desires to be excused which is granted & allowed by the House.

The Committee of Election & Privileges ordered to go out upon their Committee and was delivered them an Indenture to enquire into the Election of John Contee Esq<sup>r</sup> a Member chosen for Charles County to serve in Stead of Col<sup>o</sup> William Dent deceased.

M<sup>r</sup> Elias King M<sup>r</sup> James Philips and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hill appointed a Committee for stating & examining the publick Accounts of this Province Ordered to withdraw & repair to the Committee.

The Committee of Election & Privileges enter the House & report that the said John Contee is duly elected a Member for Charles County.

p. 24 And ordered M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Eccleston & M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Frisby attend him to the Council to see him Sworn. They return & Say they have seen him qualified.

Col<sup>o</sup> Edward Lloyd & Col<sup>o</sup> William Holland from the Honble Council enters the House and delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker some Letters & Depositions relating to the Indians Affairs which are ordered to be read and being read the Matters therein contained are referred for further Consideration

Ordered his Excellency's Speech be again read ; which being read.

Ordered M<sup>r</sup> Robert Goldsborough M<sup>r</sup> Charles Greenberry and M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Young prepare an Answer thereto & forthwith lay it before the House for their Consideration.

The Petition of George Symonds & Elizabeth his Wife praying Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the Will of Thomas Knighton deceased being read Ordered Summons issue to M<sup>r</sup> Christopher Vernon as prayed & Leave is given the Pet<sup>r</sup> to bring in a Bill the next Sessions of Assembly.

Thomas Tench & John Hammond Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Honble Council enter the House and delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Message