

L. H. J. Post Meridiem The House met again according to Adjournm<sup>t</sup> being called over were present as in the morning only M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Greenfield sick

The following Message by Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd and William Coursey Esq<sup>r</sup> Ordered the same be entered Viz.

By the Governor and Council in Assembly April 11<sup>th</sup> 1707.

The House's Answer to the Council's Proposal by Col<sup>o</sup> Holland and M<sup>r</sup> Saunders was received here and upon mature Consideration this Board cannot omit acquainting you that we are sensible great Complaints have been made of that Part of the Law for proving Debts and particularly in a Cause M<sup>r</sup> Somerset brought in the Provincial Court against John Brannock wherein the Chief Justice's Opinion was overruled by the Rest of his Brethren.

The securing the 40lb Tob<sup>o</sup> p Poll as we proposed in Case it should happen to be in any particular Vestryman or Sheriff's Hands neither are any Vestryman obliged or ever do give Security to account therefor. And as to the Quakers contributing to the Charge of the Militia your Answer is very wide of the Recommendation which is that seeing the Quakers scruple bearing Arms in Person her Majesty thinks fit that they should be compelled to hire or otherwise supply such men who may be capable and fit to do their Duty in that and Service in that Station

And tho' the Board are not for having any Body's Person executed before Day in Court given to hear his Defence yet we are desirous to render every Branch in the Act for the better ordering and regulating the Militia as efficacious as may be. Therefore wish you award Execution against the Body of such Freemen upon their Default certified by two Field Officers provided such Fine exceeds not one hundred Pounds of Tobacco at one Time, and this will not be a greater Violence to Liberty than the Power given to Justices to hear and determine small Debts who may award Execution for 200 lb Tob<sup>o</sup> against the Body

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

Which being read is ordered to be answered as follows Viz.

By the House of Delegates April 12<sup>th</sup> 1707.

Upon reading and debating your Honour's Message this Day by Col<sup>o</sup> Lloyd and William Coursey Esq<sup>r</sup> this House have resolved the same has been fully considered and have