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ined before his Ex^{ncy} the Governour and Council Concerning what is Laid to his Charge Therefore Notify to You that his Ex^{ncy} and this Board Require him to appear here Incontinent in Order to be Examined as afores^d.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Council

But his Ex^{ncy} understanding the house had Directed M^r Hill to Attend the Board in order to his Examination, The Gentlemen appointed to goe with the foregoing Message to the house were ordered to desist.

M^r Woolford brought up the Engrossed Bill for Repealing the Act against Exportation of European Comoditys which was Assented to by the Council.

M^r Tyler brought up the Engros^t Bill restraining Masters of Shippes from Cropping Tobacco &c which was Read and assented to by the Council.

M^r Hill being brought before his Excellency & the Board in order to his Examination.

The following Message was Sent to the house by M^r Tench Coll Jenkins Coll Lloyd & M^r Coursey viz^t.

By the Governour and Council in Assembly
Aprill 10th 1707

Wee desire the house will send Six of their members to hear M^r Hills Examination.

Signed p Ord^r W Bladen Cl Council.

And thereupon Came from the house of Delegates Major Low M^r Young Col Greenfield M^r Hall M^r Skinner and M^r Macall. Who being present.

His Ex^{ncy} was Pleased to tell M^r Hill that he little Expected a man of his Station & Character would be Guilty of Aiding and Corresponding with those that were Enemyes to her Majestys Government & Disturbers of the Peace thereof.

But that it had appeared to him by the Oaths of two Legal Evidences Viz^t John Spry & Tho^s Brereton that he had lately received a Letter from Rich^d Clarke who stands Outlawed by Act of Assembly of this Province for Treason, and that he had Endeavoured to Assist and further the said Clarks desires therein And that M^r Hill might know the better what he was Charged with Ordered the Depositions of the said Spry and Brereton be read to him which was accordingly done.

After which M^r Hill Denied that Ever the Evidence mentioned Clarks name to him, And Says that he has not seen him for above twelve months, nor do's he know where he now is.