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Journal.By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council in Assembly  
April 12th 1707

His En<sup>cy</sup> and this Boarde are consenting that John Spry and Thomas Brereton and Thomas Ricketts Depositions be Ent<sup>red</sup> in the Journall of Your house. But forasmuch as M<sup>r</sup> Hill is not Yett Come upon Tryall do not thinke it Proper to have the Queens Evidence Divulged and made Publiq before that time. Therefore in reguarde his Excellency and the Boarde are not willing to trust to M<sup>r</sup> Taylard Your p<sup>s</sup>ent Clarkes Integrity in that he may Give out Copys, Wee desire they may be Ent<sup>red</sup> at the End of Your Journall which may be ordered to be done after the Tryal is over.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Council

Sent to the house by Coll Ennals

The following Reply to the houses Answer to severall Proposals made by his Excellency the Governour and this Board for Amendm<sup>t</sup> of Laws. Was sent them by Col Lloyd and M<sup>r</sup> Coursey viz.

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The houses answer to the Councils Proposals by Coll Holland and M<sup>r</sup> Sanders, was Received here and upon Mature Consideration this Board cannot omitt Acquainting You that Wee are Sencible great Complaints have been made of that Part of the Law for Proving Debts and Peticularly in a Cause M<sup>r</sup> Somerset brought in the Provincially Court against John Brannock wherein the Chief Justices Opinion was over ruled by the rest of his Brethren.

The Securing the 40<sup>l</sup> tob<sup>o</sup> p poll, as we proposed in Case it should happen to be in any Peticular Vestryman or Sheriffs Hand is but Reasonable for neither are any Vestrymen obliged or ever doe give Security to Account therefore.

And as to the Quakers Contributeing to the Charge of the Militia, Your Answer is very wide of the Recomendation which is that seeing the Quakers Scruple bearing Armes in person her Majesty thinks fitt that they should be compelled to hire or otherwise Supply Such men who may be Capable and fitt to do their duty and Service in that Station.

And thô this board are not for having anybodys Person Executed before a day in Court given to hear his Defence Yet we are desireous to render every Branch in the Act for the better ordering and regulating the Militia as Efficacious as may be Therefore wish You would award Execution ag<sup>t</sup> the body of such Freeman upon their Default Certified by two