

their Lordships have been imposed upon by M^r Carrol not knowing what Views their Lordships might have in granting the Commission U. H. J.

As to the second Question all the members of this Board are unanimously of opinion that the said M^r Carrol having refused to take & Subscribe the Oath of Abjuration Enjoined by the Laws of Great Brittain and this Province Viz. the Act made in the second year of her late Majesty's Reign Entituled an Act for repealing a Clause in an Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for Establishment of religious Worship in this Province and also for appointing the Oath of Abjuration to be taken in this Province, is absolutely incapable of holding or Executing the a^d Commission as to any the powers therein Which do or may Concern the publick Affairs or Interest of this Province

His Excellency was pleased to inform the Board that the s^d M^r Carrol by Virtue of his s^d Commission had required of his Excellency an Account of the 3^d p^h appropriated for the purchasing Arms & Ammunition for the defence of this Province to which He had returned that He would as soon give him up his Hearts Blood p. 161

And further his Excellency says that He has always by his Letters advised their Lordships never to employ any Papists in the publick Affairs of this Province

His Excellency says He has often pressed for particular Instructions from their Lordships & especially by M^r Bordley which he supposes by the neglect of his Lordships Agent M^r Charles Lowe had not yet been sent him

M^r Otho Coursey was approved of & sworn Clerk Assistant to the Clerk of this Board and took an Oath not to reveal any the Debates or proceedings of this Board without the Consent thereof

And the Council in Assembly Adjourned until nine of the Clock to morrow morning

Thursday July the 19th 1716

The Honble his Lordship's Council in Assembly Sate

Present

His Excellency John Hart Esq^r Captain General & Governour in chief &c.

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| | | Col W ^m Coursey | Philemon Lloyd Esq ^r |
| | | L ^t Col Sam Young | L ^t Col Rich ^d Tilghman |
| | | | Col Tho ^s Smith |