Amounting to the sume of £197..4^s..1^d Curr^t money of this U. H. J. Province which his Ex^{ex} allows to be in her hands but is unwilling to pay the same On pretence that Debts of an higher nature may be brought in against the dec^{ds} Estate.

Yet forasmuch as the said Sum of £197.4^s..1^d was money raised upon a Publick fund and for a publick use the same may be declared and deemed a Debt of an higher nature than any others due from the said Col Smithsons Estate And the said Exec^{rx} Justified in the payment thereof to the Rectors & Visitors af^d against any future Claims which may be brought in ag^t her s^d Husband's Estate.

Signed p ordr F. Mercier Regr

Mess^{rs} Samuel Hanson and Peter Taylor from the lower p. 65 House with a bill for relief of George Walls Passed by that house

And being Read here will pass And accordingly endorsed and sent down by Col Young Who returns & says he D^d it.

Col Scott and two others from the lower house with a Bill for the Publication of Marriages passed by the Lower house

Read and passed by this house and so Endorsed. And sent down by Col^o Coursey, who returns and says he D^d it

Col Scott and William Young from the lower house with a bill Impowring John Oldham of Talbot County Gent to erect & build a Windmill in the Town and Port of Oxford on the Town Point in Talbot County; Passed by the Lower house.

Read and passed by this house and Sent down p John Hall Esqr who returns & says he D^d it

The House Adjourns till to morrow Morning.

Saturday June 8th 1717
The house meet According to Adjournment
Present as yesterday

Cap^t Greenfield and two others brought up from the Lower house the Engrosed Bill Ascertaining the Guage & Tare of Tobacco hogheads &c. Assented to by the Lower house

Read and Assented to by this house And the honble Tho^s p. 66 Smyth Esq^r sent to acquaint the Lower Ho thereof.

M^r Robert Tyler & Major Emerson from the lower house with the Engrossed bill for regulateing Ordinaries Assented to by the Lower house

And Read and Assented to by this house. And Tho^s Smyth Esq^r sent to Acquaint the Lower house thereof