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appointed by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, as also the Oath as Clerk of this House, and likewise signed the Test; which was signified to the House by the following Message:

By his Excellency the Governor and Council, September 21, 1694.

‘Cleyborn Lomax having received a Commission at this Board for being Clerk of your House, had administred unto him the Oath appointed by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, as also the usual Oath of Clerk of that House; and likewise subscribed the Test.

‘Signed per Order, Henry Denton, Cl. Co.’

And the said Cleyborn Lomax had likewise a Copy of the Clerk’s Oath, for the Satisfaction of this House.

We find, that in March, 1697/8, William Bladen signed as Clerk to the House of Delegates; but it nowhere appears how he was appointed.

And in June, 1699, Christopher Griggory signed as Clerk; but when, or in what manner appointed, does nowhere appear.

We can’t find any Journal for the Year 1700.

In May Session, 1701, we find the following Entry: ‘William Taylard being elected and chosen Clerk of this House, Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Young, and George Muschamp, Esq; go to his Excellency, and signify their Choice of their Clerk, and humbly desire he may be sworn and qualified; They return, and say they saw him qualified.’

p. 816 We find in November Assembly, 1708, the following Entry: ‘Then the House made choice of Mr. Richard Dallam for their Clerk; Ordered, That Mr. Nathaniel Dare and Mr. Philemon Hemsley go with the Clerk, and present him to his Excellency for Approbation, and to see him qualified if approved: They return, and say they saw the Clerk qualified by taking the usual Oaths, his Excellency having approved of him.’

We find in October Assembly, 1709, the following Entry: ‘Upon which the House made choice of Mr. William Taylard to be their Clerk, in the Room of Mr. Richard Dallam, who lies very sick; and Ordered, That Mr. Robert Tiler and Mr. Samuel Worthington go with him, and present him to the Honourable Council for Approbation, and to see him qualified: They return, and say they saw the Clerk qualified, by taking the usual Oaths, and signing the Test, &c. the Council having approved of him.’

We find in October Assembly, 1712, the following Entry: ‘The House made choice of Mr. Richard Dallam to be their Clerk; Ordered, Mr. Daniel Mariarte and Mr. James Lloyd go and present him to the Honourable the President and Council for their Appro-