

U. H. J. Allegiance & Supremacy as also the usual Oath of Clerk of that
 Liber No. 34 house and Subscribed the Test.
 May 24

Ordered that Commission be prepared to Pass the Broad Seal accordingly

In October Assembly 1698. His Excellency understanding that the house of Delegates were met was pleased to send the honourable Col. Henry Jowles & Thomas Tench Esq^r to have M^r Christopher Gregory sworn Clerk of the house of Delegates

Who return and say that they did Present M^r Gregory to the house to have him sworn and that the house did accept of and approve him but refuse to Swear him unless he took also an Oath of Secrecy which they say is usual.

Message from the house of Delegates by M^r Simon Wilmer and M^r Thomas Haley who say that the house desire such Oath of Secrecy may be Administred to their Clerk

His Excellency observes to the house their insisting to have the Clerk of their house sworn to secrecy tells them that he does not understand what they mean thereby.

Then came from the house of Delegates M^r William Hutchinson & Captain Philip Hoskins and desire that M^r Gregory might be sworn Clerk of their house and accordingly M^r Gregory was sworn

p. 285 In April Assembly 1700 Came from the house Col John Thompson Lieu^t Col. Thomas Smith M^r Richard Tilghman and M^r John Wight who Acquaint his Excellency that the house is met according to Proclamation of Prorogation to this day and Desire his Excellency will be pleased to appoint them a Clerk.

Whereupon the following Message was sent by Col. Henry Jowles and Thomas Tench Esquire

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly

26 April 1700 Gentlemen Understanding by your Verbal Message by Major Thomas Smith and three others of your Members that your house is met according to Proclamation of Prorogation to this day and that you desire a Clerk to be appointed you, his Excellency is Pleased to Leave it to your house to nominate such Clerk and Present him to him for his approbation, no one having as yet addressed his Excellency for that Office

Signed p Order W Bladen Ct. Coun.

Came Captain Richard Hill M^r James Saunders & four other Members who return the Thanks of the House to his Excellency for his great Condescension and acquaint him that the house are very desirous to have M^r William Taylard one of their Members to be their Clerk if his Excellency be Pleased to assent thereto

In Answer to which was sent by Col Charles Hutchins & Col. Jn^o Addison Viz.