

You question being moved before Lawes ye practice could be observed by
it was said by some that you might do well to agree, you said Lawes Bill
we could spare from England again. The ~~President~~ during our first powers
looked in your ^{Capt. Cornwallis} eyes proposed the laws of England. The President
acknowledged that the Commission gave him power in article named to proceed
by the laws of England, and in criminal cases likewise not extending to life
or member. But in 1796 he was limited to the laws of the Province, you
said it was no punishment inflicted on any enormous offenders, by the repeal of the
laws.

Agreement of Commission was produced and examined, & upon the reading
of it it appeared that there was no power in the province to punish any offender
before the loss of life or member, for want of law. So by it you
agreed, that any enormous offenders would easily be committed without punishment,
& you it might be punished by martial law.

Between two hours of two and three in
the afternoon of the same day.

Appended

you President
Capt. Cornwallis
Capt. Eddie
Mr. Lawyer
Mr. Gordan
Richard Carruth

Sgt. Vaughan
Sam'l Baldwin
Capt. Fleeter
Francis Abbott
Mr. Gillett
Mr. Langford

Edward Parrish
Sugimann Brown
Mr. Clarke
Edward Fleeter

Summoned

Capt. Winsor. and it was ascertained that he was sick & could not pass the river; & was admitted.
Marmaduke Brown. affixed by his brother, & admitted.
James Madison. desired him self that he could not get passage, & was admitted.
John Robt committed all the former accusations, & was admitted.

Sam'l Cather. ~~Indebted~~.
William Lewis.

You was proposed that you would consider of this law to be sent
to the Lord Proprietary. And you President advised that you would send
some Committee to prepare the draught of you, & you the next night made
for confirming of you; & in the mean time obey me might follow your other suggestion.
So being sent to the vote you many Committee could be appointed for that you
yours, you agreed that five could be chosen.
You was it putt to every one to name his five. And you were highly
in glorification.

whereas