

A Council held at the Court of  
Annapolis the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1698

Present

His Excellency, Sir Nicholson Knight

the Honble } 1<sup>st</sup> The Laurence Bart. Secy  
Colonel Henry Towles Chancellor  
Thomas Touchey

Henry Philips sent to Mr Philip Clarke Attor  
ney at Guilford sent for also Mr William Bladen  
Clerk of the house of Delegates who came accordingly  
& by order produced to the Board the Journal of the Com  
mittee of Laws & the Committee of Aggravances this last  
Sessions of Assembly kept by the said Philips who was  
sworn to make true Answer to what Questions should  
be asked him in that Behalf The said Philips accord  
ed to take an Oath taken is demanded to give Account whether those  
two Journals were his hand Writing & whether he was  
Clerk all the while to those two Committees who says they  
are both his hand writing and that Journal of the Com  
mittee of Laws he kept himself but as to the other he was  
there but two days & writ only what Mr Harris the Chair  
man of that Committee dictated & read to him he is asked  
if the Journal of the Committee of Aggravances was read  
to that Committee after he had writ out the same & says it  
was not he is asked if they gave him any other papers  
& says they did not he is demanded to make answer  
he is upon oath whether that Journal be all that was  
Ordered to be writ

And says that it was but that he made another Copy