

October the 18th 1704

At a Meeting of His Excellency the Governour with Old John Hamand and as many of the Members of the House of Delegates as were in Towne and could be got together to witt Old William Dent Mr. Elias King Mr. Thomas Greenfield Mr. Samuel Young Mr. Robert Goulsborough Mr. Henry Coursey Mr. John Taylor Mr. Nicholas Low and Mr. Robert Tyler. — Upon the unhappy Occasion of the State House being burnt last Night. —

His Excellency proposes upon this sad Occasion of the State House being burnt that some place be appointed to place the Records therein and a House taken for the Provinciall and County Courts to sit in. —

The Gentlemen Advise His Excellency will Direct be pleased to Direct that the Provinciall and County Books be lodged above in the Free Schoole, and that Mr. Young take care to have Shelves made.

Also resolved. That a Day of Humiliation be sett aside. — The Gentlemen present are of opinion that it is absolutely necessary the Governour & Council upon this Emergency take care to provide an House for the Provinciall Court to sit in. —