

Col. Hammond to James ~~Hammond~~ —

Advised and resolved that the Brick Building now standing be secured by under propping and shoring or otherwise as workmen shall advise.

The Board Desire Col. Hammond to agree with Col. Dowse to rent his forty foot house next to the State House Hill for the Assembly Provincial & County Courts to sit in. —

Read the Proceedings of the Council the 18th of October last which were approved of by the Board. His Excellency informs the Board that he had been informed that Mr. James Heath had presumed to send a Copy of the Law for Preventing the Growth of Popery in this Province before the same could be sent home by the Government —

Advised that the said Mr. Heath be reprimanded therefore and that the Clerks be cautioned not to let any Copy be taken of Laws until they are sent for England on pain of His Excellency's Displeasure.

Advised and resolved that for the preventing any fire especially in the publick Buildings and where the Records are Lodged and other Disorders in the Towne a Trusty Sober person be appointed to go about the Towne at Eight of the Clock and Ten of the Clock every Night in the Winter to warn the people to have a care of their fires and to take in his Custody and bring before a Magistrate