

The third for Defaming the Councilors, Judges, Justices or other principall Officers &c. ^(over)
thousand pounds of Tobacco and three months Imprisonment without Bayle or Main prize.

Brought by Mr. Whittington these Bills folo Viz^t.

The Act for Securing the Rights of severall persons Endorsed May the 27th 1692.
Read first time - 2^d read Second time Read here first time -

The Act for punishment of Persons Suborning of Witnesses or Committing
Wilfull or Corrupt perjury; Endorsed, read and passed first reading May the 28th 1692.

The Act for Regulating the Militia read second time and Endorsed by order of
the Board - May the 28th 1692.

By the Governor and Council in Assembly.

The house is desired to Consult the Inconveniencys of Limitting the Governor
and Council to any certainty, or at least, so small a sum as 50000 Tobacco for that it would
seem very hard in case of any sudden Invasion or Insurrection, that his Excellency -
hands should be so tyed up as not be able to raise men sufficient to disperse or oppose the
same in the Intervalls of Assembly untill such time as they may be called together

That his Excellency himself as Admirall and Captain General of this Province
hath by his Commission full power for exercising Martial Law; and can punish -
offenders of that Nature as he shall see fit, even with Death itself if the case require

One press Master in ahundred is sufficient especially in time of Peace, not being willing
to be too Burthensome to the Country by taking more than needs must.

The Act for Orphans Estates & read first time -

yt, together with the Acts for regulating the Militia; Securing the Rights of severall
Persons and Divulgers of false News sent to the house by Captain Addison -

Adjourn till Monday Morning 10 a Clock -

May the 30th 1692 Met in Council Chamber

His Excellency the Governor.

The honourable { Coll Blackstone } Coll Browne
{ Coll Probotham } Mr. Fench.
{ Coll Greenberry } Captain Courts
{ Coll Hutchins } Mr. Brooke.

Moved to Consider the Repairs of the State House, in a very untoward & Leaky Con-
dition Inso much that unless some speedy Course be taken therewith the Records cannot be
Secured. Resolved that the same be Recommended to the Consideration of the house as folo Viz^t
By his Excellency the Governor & Council in Assembly.

30th May 1692.

The great Charge the Country hath been at in Building the State house, now the
present Decays and Leaky Condition thereof, rendering the same insufficient, to Secure &
preserve the Records of the Province, Moves this Board to recommend to the House the
consideration of some present necessary repairs thereof, whereby the same may be put in a
Condition to Secure the said Records, and fitt for holding Courts of Judicature within
time as a more convenient place for that Purpose shall be thought of and agreed on
and a house accordingly erected which considering the great Expence the Province hath
already to Defray and Discharge / This Board Enquires will bear too heavy upon them