

Also we further Report that we have demanded Colt Keeman who de
mands for making the back Bench 110 £. Standing as for the other additional
Conveniences Colt Keeman leave the same to the House to be considered
of and allowed for by the Country when provided

Reported to the House of Assembly
Sam^r Watkins Esq^r

By the House of Burgesses May the 1st 1696

The House upon Report of the Committee appointed to consider
of your Excellency's Proposall relating to the additional Conveniences
to be made to the new Court House signify to your Excellency that we
are well Satisfied that the same are not Only well designed but really
necessary and beneficial however the present Circumstances this Province
now lies under will not admit us to lay out money to carry on the
same therefore this House desire Colt Keeman may proceed according
to former Agreement

Signed in Order W Bladen Esq^r of Assembly

His Excellency is pleased to say that he is sorry the Country is so
Poor as not to comply with the aforesaid Proposals

Ordered that the Clerks belonging to the several Offices within
this Port be not Obstructed in the least from going to their respective Offices
at all times and times so often as their Business shall require and call
for their Attendance there notwithstanding the House of Burgesses
sitting and that all Persons having Business with the said Clerks be
permitted to have recourse to the said Offices without which the
People may be Prejudiced the Provincial Court notwithstanding on so night

Saturday May the 2^d 1696

The Council again Sat and were

Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Capt^l Gen^l

the Hon^{ble} { Col^l George Holotham Col^l David Brown
 { Col^l Nicholas Granberry Col^l John Courts
 { Col^l Charles Hutchins James Friday Esq^r

Sent by the Clerk of this Board from the Hon^{ble} his Majesty's
Council a message in relation to the Shipmen in the Country drawn
up as following

By the Hon^{ble} his Majesty's Council in Assembly May 2^d 1696
It being moved at the Board that some Reasons might be given