

Major Kings Account for the said duty is sent down among other Papers
Referred for the Consideration of the House

Upon reading a return here produced relating to a Burge's lately chosen
to serve for the County of Suffolk it is Observed that not above 22 or 23 Persons
have signed to the said Instrument and upon Inquiry made of the Sheriff
of the said County he does say there were not above forty people at the said
Election notwithstanding the largeness of that County which by this
Practise is thought prejudicial and a Grievance to the Country proposed
therefore that for the Prevention of like future elections that a Law be
made to oblige all persons that can legally Vote at Elections either actually
to Appear in Person or send their names sealed up in Writing to be sent
to the Sheriff by him to be broke upon at the Election

That Mr Corney be desired to Purse his Sermon preached Yesterday

That the Treasurer is to be Obedient to give security

Proposed that the House should Ascend in twenty Gallons a
Waddes pipe shall be reckoned at

The said Proposals were all put out and sent by Colonel
Addison and Col Cress together with the aforementioned Instrument
and other Papers

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Dorsey Mr Smith
and Major Thompson the following message in Relation to New York
Burgesses which was read as follows viz

By the House of Burgesses May the 8 1696

Several Letters from his Excellency our Governor to his Excellency Col
Benjamin Fletcher his Majesty's Governor of New York and also several
Letters from his Excellency the said Governor of New York to his Excellency
Requesting a further supply from this Province for the Assistance of
New York being read the House taking into Consideration this Prov
had addressed his Majesty to be relieved from that Burthen to which
Address his Majesty's gracious Pleasures not yet signified and also
Reflecting that our selves are under the same and no greater Obligations
than our Neighbouring Colony of Virginia who have not as yet advanced
any thing although we have advanced the sum of £333.6.8 nor has
the said Governor of New York taken any care to make the absolute ne-
cessity of such Assistance known and apparent to this House and Consi-
dering the present Circumstances of this Province by the great mortality
of Cattle Scarcity of Provisions great and vast debts this Province is
Engaged in and also the misfortune of the Fleet expected from England