

and lot Addition to your next the said Committee

There were with like were sent several letters in answer to letters sent for England about the Affairs of the Province together with several printed Proposals and papers and 3 different Catalogues of Books
September 18 1696.

The following Resolves was brought from the House viz

By the House of Burgesses September 18 1696

Resolved that this House will meet exactly at nine of the clock every morning and sit till four in the afternoon
Signed J. P. Dutton & Blackler Clerk of Assembly

Read a Letter from his Excellency the Governor of New York with two other Letters from Albany giving an account of the News from those parts which were ordered to be laid before the House for their Perusal

A List of the Parishes with an account of several Books given to the same by his Excellency together with Mr Butermans account were in like manner ordered to be carried down

The State of the Revenue is likewise ordered to be laid before the House with this Remark viz that the last accounts are not as yet made up but as far as at present could be collected the Quarter part of the Revenue does amount to 104. 17. 07 - Read again the several references and Proposals which were ordered to be carried down to the House and his Honour Sir Thomas Lawrence signifying that he had an account to give unto the House of his several proceedings in England the said Sir Thomas with the rest of his Majesty's honourable Council went down with the said Proposals Letters and Papers last and formerly here read. The Proposals following

1 The Proposal last of Assembly made for adjusting the Indians Lands and ascertaining the Bounds thereof stands referred to this Session of Assembly for a Law to be made therefore

2 His Excellency's Proposals relating to the Advancement of this Port stands also referred for an Act to be drawn up for the same at the meeting of this Assembly

3 Proposed that the Sheriff collect this year the Gifts of the Free Schools & that Copies of the Subscriptions with new Briefs be got ready to send to each County

4 That a Law be made for securing the Libraries that are bestowed upon the several Parishes

5 That his Majesty be addressed that some part of the Revenue given towards the furnishing the Country with Arms &c may now the Country is provided with such things be laid out for small Books such as the Common Prayer Book the whole Duty of Man and Books against Dukenness and Swearing &c to be distributed among the Common People that are poor by Reason there are no such Books brought unto the Country to be sold and therefore have no way of getting of them

6 That an Address of thanks be returned his Majesty for being Graciously pleased to bestow a Quarter part of the Exchequer towards furnishing the Country with Arms and Ammunition &c and to signify that the same has been laid out and bestowed accordingly

7 That the House give their advice how the Arms now come in are to be disposed of that they signify if they know of any thing else of that Nature that is proper to be sent for

8 That Care be taken to have the several Offices made and to have Tables and Chairs made where necessary and Stoves for the Clerks to write by in Winter

9 That if the Clerks write by candle light in Winter that then Lamps/Contrived for Candles in Winter be sent for

10 That some Books of Exercise be sent for out of the quarter part to be given to the several Military Officers and some plain Books of Fortification

11 That the Proclamation against Exportation of Coin be taken of

12 That a Law be made to Oblige the several Counties to keep the publick Arms belonging to the several Counties well fixed and good Repair to be done at the County Charge