

Captain Bughwell being sent for comes accordingly he is told that the Assembly have granted that the King's should have some of those things he petitioned for but that they were not to be meddled with or made use of without special license he is also acquainted that there is a complaint made against some of his men coming down among the plantations too & found keeping away from the Fort therefore he is directed for the future to have them in better order and that one of the first things they do be to cut down the timber Bush Round about their Fort the making whereof is approved of Provided it be no Change to the country

M^r Speaker and the rest of the members take leave and return back to the House

June the 3 1697

The Council repaired and were Present
His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General
Sir Thomas Lawrence Bennett Secretary Col^l Hutchins, Col^l Henry Jones
Col^l Addison, Col^l Nicholas Nicolson, Colonel Courts, Thomas Tench Esq^r
Thomas Brock Esq^r

Brought from the House of Delegates by Major Walter Smith Major Barton Major Smallwood M^r Hutchison and Captain Hoskins these following Petitions and Bills viz

A Petition of Major William Whittington praying that some publick fees due to him might be continued upon execution. The same was endorsed by the House as follows viz

By the House of Delegates June the 3 1697

If the Petitioner will draw a particular account of what is due to him of such publick Levy and make oath that neither directly or indirectly receiver or staff thereof nor any way allowed the debt we consent that execution may be granted to the present Sheriff to Levy by execution all those debts if the debtors refuse or delay Payment

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Asented to by his Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council
Hen: Denton Clk Council

A Petition of William May endorsed together with a writ of Error accounted in Folio 20

A Petition of Captain William Holland endorsed as follows viz

By the House of Delegates June the 3 1697

This House do say that if Captain William Holland do pay the debt in Tobacco and Common Interest therefore this year they think it sufficient if his Excellency the Governor and his Majesty's honourable Council think fit

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To which this Board make answer that the same is neither agreeable to Law nor Equity that way of Payment being the common way among the Subjects which was ordered to be endorsed upon the said Petition accordingly

An Additional Act to the Act for recovery of small debts read first time and Passed
A Bill for the Confirming titles of Land given to the use of the Church &c read first time and will pass with amendment

The House are made acquainted that M^r Giddes the School Master sent in is placed out as under master to the Colledge School in Virginia to save a Present Charge and to train himself the more Experience against the School here is built

Proposed that an Ordinance or Law be made that in the Counties where ministers are they be Obliged to read divine Service at the said Courts under penalty for neglect of the same and a fine to be put upon the Justice and Officers of the Court that don't come &c

Brought from the House of Delegates by Captain Hoskins and Major Walter Smith these following refugees viz

By the House of Delegates June the 3 1697

This House have in concurrence with your Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council given leave to our several members appointed to go upon the Indian treaty to depart the House in order to their Journey but humbly desired may not obligous to tarry for their return

Signed by Order W Bladen Clk Delegates