

Proposed that some Ordinance pass about changing the of London in the several Colonies and
to consider what will be best to effect the same

That an Ordinance likewise pass to Oblige each Colony to keep the publick Arms belonging
to the same in Good Repairing the House would not consent to have a Law thereof

Brought from the House of Delegates by Captain Tasher Mr Smelt and Mr Blay the
following resolves and Messages viz

By the House of Delegates June 9 1697

Resolved by the House that the several Ministers included to any Parish or Parishes
within the several Counties of this Province attend the Court House of each respective County
and there read Prayers each morning during the continuance of the County Court before the
Court be called or the Commissioners proceed to do any Business and that if there be more
ministers then one in a County that they take their turns and read prayers one one Court
and the other another

Resolved that the respective Counties have Credit for the Superannary Tithables of the
late Sherriffs since the year 1694

W Bladen Clerk

Assented to by his Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council

Hon. Denton Clerk

By the House of Delegates June 9 1697

We have perused the late Act of Parliament relating to Scotch Traders in these Plan-
tations and also the other Acts of Trade of King Charles the second and cannot find any
thing therein contained to debar the naturalization of any other nation except Scotch men
therefore humbly pray your Excellency in regard the two persons proposed to be naturalized
have long resided in this Province and are not Scotch men but the one an Italian and the
other a German that the Act for their Naturalization be pass

Signed for Order W Bladen Clerk Delegates

Ordered that an Answer to the same be drawn up which was done as follows viz

By his Excellency the Governor and Council June 9 1697

This message by Captain Tasher and Mr Blay last sent about the Naturalizing those
two Persons was received and here read which his Excellency is willing to assent to provided
there be an exception therein so far as the late Act of Parliament for preventing frauds
and regulating abuses in the Plantation Trade will admit and allow of but not otherwise

Signed for Order Hon. Denton Clerk

Ordered that the said Answer be carried to the House by the honourable Colonel Hutchins
in the morning

June 10th 1697

The Council again sat and were Present as yesterday
His Honour Col^l Hutchins acquaints his Excellency that he has delivered the message
last night Given him in charge

A Letter from the right Honourable the Lords of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Coun-
cil unto his Excellency sent and directed bearing date the 27th day of August last past
together with a Printed proclamation issued by their Excellencies the Lords Justices of
England for Apprehending and Seizing one Henry Every alias Bridgman and others
etc being produced and read over were Ordered to be laid before the House recomen-
ding that all imaginable diligence be used for the discovering and apprehending
all such Pirates and Sea Robbers as are therein mentioned especially the said Captain
Every and his men the said proclamation and letter were delivered into the House
accordingly by the Clerk of this Board

Querie Whether the militia of this Province as now armed be defence sufficient for a
Land force his Excellency supposing that an eighth part of them are not Properly
Armed