

Ponder in it from or answer for the same at 12 Shilling to his Excellency and that if
such Officer having disposed of half the old powder as aforesaid shall have put the same
city of Good new powder in its place he may then dispose of the other half of the old powder
on like terms and conditions and that in case the said Powder cannot be changed or improved
as aforesaid it be changed and made good yearly at the County Charge to be defrayed by
the Commissioners

W Bladen Esq. Agent

June the 11 1697 Assented to by his Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council
Hen Denton Esq. Council

The said Ordinance was by Order returned back to the House by the Clerk of this
Board

Brought from the House of Delegates by W Edward Boothby a Bill in relation to
Regarding the publick Credit of the Country &c Intituled an Act containing what shall
be the Sheriffs duty &c upon returns by them made for publick dues and Officers fees read
Second time and Assented to by his Majesty's honourable Council was returned back to the
House by the messenger that brought it

Brought from the House of Delegates by Captain Taster the Journal of the Committee
of Accounts for the several publick allowances made this Assembly and passed by the
House which being perused was well approved of and Assented to by his Excellency and
his Majesty's honourable Council

A Letter of the right Honourable the Lords of the Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations
unto his Excellency sent and directed bearing date the first day of February last past being
produced and read was by Order laid before the House and recommended for their considera-
tion one Clause therein directing a payment of 20 a piece unto three ministers expected here
into this Province who had not had his Majesty's gracious allowance

His Excellency desires the same may be paid by the Country he having no money
of the Kings in his hands

The Answer and Resolves of the House to the matters contained in the aforesaid
Letter came return in manner following viz

By the House of Delegates June 11 1697

His Excellency having communicated to the House a certain Letter by him lately received
from the right Honourable the Lords of the Council for Trade wherein it is intimated that
the Quota or Allowance formerly ordered this Province to contribute to New York is required to
be now complied the said Letter also intimating that there were three ministers expected
this Province who had not had his Majesty's gracious allowance of 20 a piece but that
his Excellency upon their arrival ordered to pay them the same and his Excellency de-
siring the same might be paid by the Country he having no money of the Kings in his
hands

Resolved Nemine Contradicente that in case his Excellency draw so much out of the pub-
lick Treasury of this Province to be repaid out of his Majesty's money the first that comes
to hand and his Excellency's Order shall be a discharge therefore from the said Treasurer

That part of their Lordships Letter relating to New York taken into consideration

Put to the Question and Resolved Nemine Contradicente that the Gentlemen appointed
to apporportion the publick Levy this Session announce they see a just Occasion and lawful
Authority and no war happening with our neighbouring Indians and the Governor and
Council consent therewith hereby impowred to draw out of the hands of the publick Treas-
urers the summe of what money is now in bank in the publick Treasury being 154. 5. 3/4
and pay the same to such Persons as shall be lawfully authorized to Receive the same which
shall discharge such Treasurers

W Bladen Esq. Delegates

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

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