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Brought from the House of Delegates by Major Hutchinson and five other members the following Bills who presented Major Thomas Emmons one of the Delegates of Dorchester County to be sworn

Who accordingly took the Oaths and subscribed the Test / Came from the House of Delegates Mr Rivers Major Hammond Mr Taylor and Captain Hill who say they were appointed by the House to join with some of the members of this Board to view the Records

The honourable Sir Thomas Lawrence Colonel Robertson and Esq^r Turby are ordered to join with them therein

The Bill for Rectifying the ill Practices of Attorneys within this Province being read the second time and found to be amended is passed. A Proclamation for a day of publick thanksgiving as also another Proclamation prohibiting Romish Priests &c from drawing over his Majesty's Subjects in this Government to the Romish Faith being prepared according to Order was read and sent down to the House of Delegates for their approbation which were returned back from the House approved of and then were signed by his Excellency and passed the Broad Seal

Ordered that the Sheriff publish them to Morrow Morning at the State House by beat of Drum

Ordered that it be referred to the Kings Lawyers to draw such a form of a Bond for the Country dues as may be sufficient to Compell all Masters of Ships fully to Comply with the Act when passed which form the several Officers taking such Bond are to Observe and follow

A Reviving Bill produced and read the first time It is Remarked that the Act for speedy Justice and Encouragement of Trade is left out of the Reviving Bill but it is thought by this Board to be a very good and Beneficial Law to the Country and as essential as any other in this Government therefore do Recommend the same may be Revived

The Act relating to Negroes and Slaves made in the year 1692 is left out That the said Reviving Act be Expresed to take full force &c for and during the full term of three years or until the end of next General Assembly which shall first happen

Upon reading the following message and resolves brought from the House of Delegates viz

By the House of Delegates March the 30th 1698

At his Excellencies Command in his Majesty's name to this House to make a direct Answer to 7, 8, 9 & 14 Articles of Charge exhibited against his Excellency the Governor by Genard Sly

This House do say that Notwithstanding such Command they hold themselves free whether they will Answer thereto or not

This House humbly conceiving the difference between his Excellency and Mr Genard Sly doth not affect them and that the Law is open

Signed J. Ouder W. Bladen (Ch. Don D. S)

As to the proposal for an Ordinance to be made against Persons that Trade People out of the Province put to the question if any such Ordinance shall be made or not and carried in the Negative Remains Contradictory to this House apprehending that by such Ordinance people may be unduly inmarred in their words

As to Recommendation about Grievances

This House do conceive that if his Excellency will not redress our Grievances in the way proposed he denies us right and will not redress them at all