Ordered that Mr Gwinnett the Clerk of Queen Anne Parish Inform the Justices of Charles County by a Publicated Notice when Granted Lately Got Leave of Absence and Young Mr Hanson in Charles County was Lucky enough to Marry it highly Necessary to Recommend to the House of Delegates to settle the Fees of Clerks in the Revend Mr Evan Thomas Bury the right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London Comm[issary] Say in this Province and that a Law be drawn up ascertaining the Fees of a Licensed that the Parties Intended only to Minister in a Church or to the Curate Rector Minister is Resident who shall not Grant Licenses to any Person of Matrimony Unless either Party are Protestants they be not Married but by a Protestant Minister of the Church of England that where Ministers are appointed none be Married by a Justice of the Peace

That a Penalty be Imposed on such who marry or are Married Contrary to the Intent of this Law— That this be a Supplementary Bill and that the House make some Declaration whether or not by the Clause in the Act for the Establishment of the Protestant Religion for registering Births Marriages and Burials Quakers be not Obliged to Register their Births Marriages and Burials with the Clerks of the Vestry

Ordered that his Majestys Attorney General draw a Duplicate of the said Law for Perusall of this Board

His Excellency is pleased to propose to the Board that Whereas the House of Delegates do sitt at the Vast Charge of the Country and will not proceed to do any Business for the Advantage thereof they should give their advice what are the best methods to be used and desires their Answer to morrow or on Monday morning

This Board Adjourn themselves until to morrow morning at 8 of the Clock

Saturday October the 29th 1698

The Honourable his Majestys Council Sate in Assembly Present as Yesterday

Present also the Honourable Robert Smith Esq[r] Chief Justice of the Provincial Court

Came the following message from the House of Delegates by Major John Low & four other members viz[t]:

By the House of Delegates &

To his Excellency the Governor and his Majestys Honble Council

May it Please your Excellency

Before our last Prorogation we made our humble Addresses to your Excellency and Honourable Council to enlarge Mr Philip Clark being a member of this House to serve in the Assembly Whereupon your Excellency was pleased to Prorogue this House and being Again met and still finding the said Mr Clark on Person your Excellency we hope will hold us excused if we do judge it our duty to our Country and to insist on our Priviledges and again humbly to supplicate your Excellency &c. that the said Mr Clark may serve in this House / The House of Delegates have ever claimed in this Province the same Priviledges as the House Commons claim in England and this Present Majesty nor any of his Royal Progenitors ..... nor the Lords ..... his Government ever denied us them and therefore if in this case the House Summons might claim their Priviledges we also hope for the same from your Excellency we sitting in our opinion as a rightly qualified member of this House