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Mr Richard Smith and several other Shufflers. Petitions referred to the Consideration of the House

14 Proposed that to discuss Mr John Perry the Petitioner died before he could upon this year Service for which he engaged with the House his Excellency being desirous to put the Country to as little Charge as might be having yet Occasion for his Majesty's Service to send to his Excellency the Earl of Bellarmont his Majesty's Governor of New York and thence to Virginia Employed one Mr Joseph Moore for which Service by him performed and more of the like Nature to be done. It is recommended that he be allowed 25 the half of what Mr Perry was to have had which is hoped will be all that is needful this year

Sign'd by Order W Bladwell Clerk Council

George Muschamps Esq and William Dent and William Bladwell make Oaths to their Accounts as Naval Officers and Receivers

The Board adjourned until to Morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock
Wednesday November the 2^d 1698

The Council Late in Assembly Present as Yesterday

A Bill Explaining what Bills and Obligations were Intended to be accepted in the latter part of the Act for securing Administrators and Executors from double payment of debts and limiting the payments of Obligations... within this Province read the first time

Ordered that the said Bill do lye upon the Table and that this Board do Consider of an Additional Clause to Oblige his Lordship to deliver up such Persons Obligations as shall appear to be paid

A Bill to enable William Courney and Elizabeth his Wife or the Survivor of them to sell and Acknowledge such Lands as were left by Col Vincent Lowe for the Payment of his just Debts read the first time upon reading whereof recommended to the House that a Law be made where any Person dying within this Province yet Indebted so much that his Personal Estate will not Answer the same that then his Lands if he has any be made Subject to the Payment thereof of the Good Effect of which Law is daily experienced in our neighbouring Province of Pennsylvania whereby Merchants and others are the better encouraged to Credit Freeholders

That for the future when any Person intends to Petition the Assembly for the sale of Lands Ordered that he State his Case and publish it in all the Courtes of the Province three months before the Assembly sits from which he expects Relief

The Petition of Col Henry Mitchel referred to the Committee of Accounts

Ordered that it be referred to the House to give their Opinion whether a Person who hath not been in the Country three years is not debarr'd by the Law for Encouragement of Servancy and to be Clerk of the Parish or Clerk of a Vestry Proposed that the House would make some Law or Proposals for the better Correspondency and Neighbourhood of this Province with the Colony of Virginia as Runaway Debtors Servants Negroes Felons and other Criminals and that the Law may be the same in Virginia as here to People encouraging and taking up Runaways there or here

Came Colonel John Thompson Naval Officer at the head of the Army and made Oath to his Acco^y Major Thomas Smith Captain Philip Hootens and Mr William Kearserson being present from the House

Then came the following Message from the House of Delegates by Col John