

His Excellency is pleased to ask the Gentlemen of the Council to give their opinion
if he has said any thing more left to the House than he ought

Whereupon the Gentlemen say they think not

A Bill for the more Effectual Suppressing of Gaming and Swearing read the
first time

A Bill Improving the Ways to levy Tobacco to repair their Churches and purchase
Register Books & read the first time

A Bill for preventing Sheriffs serving as Delegates and Justices to serve as
Jury men read the first time

A Bill for greatly Conveying publick Letters and Packets read the first
time

A Bill to Buy Land at the Cold Springs and read the first time

Upon again reading the message of the House relating to Mr Mason his Excellency
says he does not conceive the suspending him any Infringement of the Law for that
he was debarred by Conviction

This Board Adjourned till to Morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock

Tuesday November the 8th

The Council in Assembly late Present as Yesterday

The honourable Thomas Brooks and James Frisby Esq^s sent to Command Mr Speaker
and the House to attend his Excellency in Council

Whereupon came Mr Speaker and the House to attend his Excellency in Council
where he is pleased to tell them that Mr Robert Mason was indicted and by his own Con-
fession convicted and stand bound by Recognizance being found to be a Malignant Per-
son by several Oaths

As to their Expressions of Infringing the laws for the tenth Cent^s of Cotton & his
Excellency shows them his Majesty's Royal Commission which he has the Honour to
bear shows them the Statutes of England and Book of Laws of this Province and de-
fies them all to tax him of the Breach or Infringement of any of them or of his Majesty's
Royal Instructions

Asks them if any Money or Tobacco raised on the Acts for Impositions on Offices
Liquors &c have been otherwise disposed of or Applied then according to the directions
of the said laws

If he had got about to Pocket any they might have had some Grounds but so far
from that that he could not get the money pursuant to Ordinance of Assembly to this day
from Mr Smithson to pay the Workmen employed on the publick works

That he had this presence to his honour as it was to find a Country without any
fund ready to support them and therefore according to his Promise would Consent that
half the Countys Stock now in Bank should be appropriated toward the defraying the
Publick Charge this Year

That his Majesty's Council had Annouced the Address on behalf of Mr Clark
and that it was his duty to vindicate the Honour of the Kings Government

That if the House would Appoint a Committee to write Journals that they might
write as many as they Please and send provided they that write them would sign
them for that he looked upon Warrants especially the Records of Supreme Authority next