

111 Mr Thomas Mathews Burgeſs of Saint Inigos hundred being demanded to make Oath the other Burgeſſes Replied that he thought that Oath could not be taken by him for that according to his Lordſhips instructions ſent hither that all People believing in Ieſus Chriſt ſhould have the free exerciſe of their Religion and accordingly he ought to be guided in matters of Conſcience by his Spiritual Council & if ſo be he understood not and could not be ſatisfied in his Judgment in any matter what may be ſpoken or debated he could not adviſe with whom he ought to ſwear if he took ſuch Oath and ſo conſequently had not the free exerciſe of his Religion

And the houſe thereupon gave leave that the ſaid Mr Thomas Mathews ſhould depart the Houſe and not to have any Vote therein who departed and abſented himſelf accordingly

Was read the 16 Laws ſent by his Lordſhip to be aſſented to and enacted without alteration

The houſe adjourned by the Speaker till tuesday morning 8 a Clock

Tuesday th 9 April

The Burgeſſes all aſſembled except Mr Mathews who was yeſterday expelled the houſe and diſcharged of his place and Vote and Mr Francis Brooks who is Excused by Sickneſs

Was read the Act of Recognition and the Aſſemblys Letter ſent to his Lordſhip laſt Year

The houſe adjourned by the Speaker till 1 Clock Afternoon

Tuesday Afternoon

All aſſembled as in the forenoon except as afore

Was read ſome former Draughts of Laws for the