

to Speake with Capt. Smith before they answer to the matter of places in
Somerset County

Proposed by a member of this house whether any of the places aforesaid
appointed for ports de. ought to be enabled to send Burgesses to the Assembly
till there be a sufficient number of Inhabitants to bear the charge of such their
Burgesses and whether a Clause ought not to be inserted into the bill for
Advancement of Trade to that purpose.

Noted that none of the places appointed for ports de send Burgesses till
the Inhabitants are Capable of bearing the charge and that a Clause be inserted
to that purpose into the bill for Advancement of Trade.

Then Came Mr. Secy Jewell from the upper house with the following
message

Upper house October 7th 1683.

This house is ready to hear of Burgesses of Somerset County as to
places appointed for Townes in Roanoke River.

Signed for order, Tho. Gunwin Clerk.

Capt. Smith and Capt. Osborne go to the upper house according to the last
message. The Committee for Advancement of Trade go out.

Capt. Smith and Capt. Osborne return and report to this house that the
appointing places for Townes is affirmed by the upper house to be the
privilege of the Lords Proprietary and that His Lordship having appointed
the places for the townes in Somerset County the upper house say they
cannot alter the same.

Proposed by a member of this house whether it be not necessary
considering the Benefit and Conveniency of the Inhabitants of Ann Arundell
County that there be a place appointed for a Towne in or near West and
Road Rivers in the County aforesaid.

In answer whereunto is sent the following message.

Lower house of Assembly October 7th 1683

This house been offered by the Delegates of Ann
Arundell County in some convenient place of West
or Road Rivers all of the Inhabitants living between . . .
. Rivers then the place appointed in the
said Delegates to offer the reasons to the upper house for their concurrence
therein.

Signed for order — C. Boteler Clerk.

Capt. Hill and Mr. Richardson sent with the message.
They return and say that the upper house seem to incline to the
alteration of the place for a Towne in South River, but say they cannot
resolve till His Lordship's Command.

The Committee for Advancement of Trade Report to this house
a Clause to be inserted into the act for Advancement of Trade as followeth.
And further least the great number of Townes, ports and places aforesaid
may in time to come prove burthen some to the publick by increasing the