

The Consideration of the foregoing petition referred to.
Then Came Mr. Carville and Mr. Burford and presented to this house the
following paper, which being read in a full house was ordered to be
entered upon the Journal of this house. Viz.

Upon Complaint this day made to this house by Maj: Weekes and
Mr. Henry Hosier two Members of this house, of a summons was issued
out of the provincial Court of this province, directed to the Sheriff of Kent
County dated the 4th of October Instant, for them to appear before his Lordship and
Council the 30th of October Instant, at this place &c. &c. they did expect to be
summoned by that or some other process of the Nature &c. &c. soon as this house
shall either be prorogued, Adjourned or Dissolved &c. &c. privilege due to
Members of this house.

This house taking into serious consideration and finding precedents
of the Members of Parliament have privilege; Condo: Morando, recedendo for their
persons and their necessary servants, and in some cases for their goods and
estates also, during the time, from suits to arrests, Imprisonment, Attendance on
trials serving on Jurors and the like, &c. &c. from being summoned or called
to attend upon any suit or other courts by subpoena served upon them, and
not only of the sitting of the Parliament but also during the time of sixteen
days exclusive and fifteen days inclusive, before and after every sitting of
the Parliament, and during any adjournment of the same.

The question was put to the vote of the Members of this house should not
have the same privilege during the sitting of any Assemblies and for
some time before and after the sitting of any Assemblies in this province

Resolved in the Affirmative. Then,

The question was further put, In what time every Member of this
house should have such privilege before and after the sitting of every
Sessions of Assembly.

Voted that sixteen days exclusive and fifteen days inclusive
is little time enough.

Resolved thereupon that every Member of this house be privileged
in their persons for sixteen days exclusive and fifteen days inclusive
before and after the sitting of every Sessions of Assembly in such manner
as the Members of Parliament in England are privileged.

Then was read an act for regulating the Taxes and abuses in Tobacco
cross heads the second time, with amendments

Mr. Robert Carville from the Committee for inspecting the Lawes &
Reports to this house a Bill limiting the extent of Attachments and
Executions, which was read the first time.

Then was read a Bill entitled an act prohibiting the offices of Sheriffs
or under Sheriffs and Deputy Surveyors to be officiated at one and the
same time by one and the same persons, the first time.