

voted, if the Bill shall pass with amendments, or not, and  
Carried in the affirmative, and the same was read the first time  
An Additional Act for regulating the Militia read & first tymed  
An Act for regulating Ordinaries and Limiting the Number of them  
Read the first tyme.

The House adjournes till to Monday Morning at 6 o'clock.

Saturday May the 18<sup>th</sup> 1695.

The House being mett Ordered to be called over, and were absent.  
These Members, W<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Saunders, W<sup>r</sup> Greenfield, W<sup>r</sup> Hawkins  
M<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson, M<sup>r</sup> Hastings, Colonel Comsey, W<sup>r</sup> Pollard & Col<sup>d</sup> Codd.  
Act for regulating Ordinaries - Read the second tyme  
Act for laying an Impostion on Negroes and Servants imported  
Read the second tyme.

His Maj<sup>y</sup> having generously offered to get our acts of Religion passed  
at his own Expence Cost and Charges - The House sent him the following  
Message - By the House of Burgesses May the 18<sup>th</sup> 1695.

This house do return your Maj<sup>y</sup> their most humble and hearty  
acknowledgments for your Maj<sup>y</sup> most kind and generous offer-  
as to defraying the Charge of passing our acts of Religion.

We are deeply sensible not only of your generous offer, but truly  
noble acts, and must here acknowledge our selves with our profoundest  
most infinite obiged to your Maj<sup>y</sup> for the same -

Signed & Orders

W<sup>r</sup> Bladen C<sup>t</sup> Assembly

Direct upon this Message - W<sup>r</sup> Clarke, Major Esmalles, Col<sup>d</sup> Hinson,  
Col<sup>d</sup> Pearce, W<sup>r</sup> Tasker and W<sup>r</sup> Lowe.

Also sent to their Honble: their Mat<sup>r</sup> Council the following Bills, viz:  
An Act for regulating Ordinaries and Limiting the Number of them.  
An Act imposing a Duty upon Negroes and Servants imported.  
An Act for the raising a further Supply for the Support of this  
Province -

The House thinking fit to acquaint His Maj<sup>y</sup> what they have resolved  
in Relation to New-York and thereupon send the following Message -  
To His Maj<sup>y</sup> the Governor in Council -

By the House of Burgesses May the 18<sup>th</sup> 1695.

As to the affair relating to the assistance of New-York, We  
humily beseeche you Maj<sup>y</sup> that we have seriously considered  
the same, and entered these Minutes upon our Council, viz -  
Reported that assistance of men shall be given when need shall  
require &c according to our former Message - And because that  
the Country is now destitute of Money to pay the soldiers now  
in arms for the defence of this Province - W<sup>r</sup> Thomas Tasker  
one of the members of this House offers to lend for the service of the