

Custody of ye Serj^t at Arms, the said Martin having yesterday been publicly
drunk and debauched by Gaming & the like in ye face of ye whole Country
Court. in view all or most of ye Members of this House.

Put to ye Question in what sum ye said Martin shall be Confined
therefore. Carried by Majority of voices in ye sum of twenty Shillings Sterl.

Ordered that ye Serj^t at Arms attending this House have twenty Shillings
Sterl. from ye said Thomas Martin as his fee for keeping him in custody
twenty four hours.

Ordered. ye Serj^t at Arms, attending this House take in his custody ye
Sev^{al} Members of this House which are actually in Towne and have
not yett appeared in ye House, so that we have them immediately
before the House that they may shew Cause why they have not attended.

Mr. Robert Mason Enters ye House.

Major Thomas Small sent in his Excuse to this House by two of
ye Members thereof and have given his Readyness. Mr. Clarke & Major
Thompson Returne to the House and say that his Ex^{ty} will send some
of ye Hon^{ble} Councill to this House to administer ye Oath required
unto Mr. William Helmesley.

Capt. Hill, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Taster and Mr. Fairby
sent to his Ex^{ty} the Gov^r with ye following Message.

By ye House of Burgesses May ye first 1696.

To his Ex^{ty} of Gov^r in Councill &c

May it please Yo^r Ex^{ty}.

This House being mett according to Yo^r Ex^{ty} prorogation
are ready to receive what Yo^r Ex^{ty} has to offer to us that we may
proceed to ye dispatch of ye publicke Concerns of this Province.

Signed for Order.

W. Bladen Clk. of Assembly.

Mr. Lingham Enters ye House.

Put to ye Question if Mr. Mason and Mr. Lingham for not
attending the House shall not be Confined therefore.

Carried in ye Negative.

The Hon^{ble} Col. Robotham, Col. Greenbury, Col. Hutchins and
Col. Browne came down from his Ex^{ty} the Gov^r & Councill and
in presence of this House administered ye Oath required by act of
Parliament instead of ye Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy unto
Mr. William Helmesley according to ye Request of this House. also
ye said Mr. Helmesley subscribed ye Test. They also bring down sev^{al}
Lett^{rs} relating to New Yorke for ye perusal of this House.

Also lay before ye House severall proposals from his Excellency. Vizt.
Capt. Hill, Mr. Clarke, Major Thompson, Mr. Taster and Mr. Fairby
returne to ye House and say that they have delivered their Message.