

who demands for making ye back porch 110<sup>th</sup> Sted. as for ye other addition  
all Conveniences Col. Herman leaves ye same to the House to be considered  
of and allowed for by ye County when finished.

Reported to ye Hon<sup>ble</sup> Assembly. The above Reporte-

Sam<sup>l</sup> Watters Sr. Com<sup>r</sup>. Considered -

Major John Hammond and ye other Members of ye af. Committee sent  
up to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> - in Council with ye following Message -

By ye House of Burgesses, May ye 1<sup>th</sup> 1696.

This House upon Reporte of ye Committee appointed to Consider his Ex<sup>ty</sup>  
proposalls relating to ye additional Conveniences to be made to ye new  
Court house - Signifye - to ye Ex<sup>ty</sup> that we are well satisfied that  
ye same are not only well designed but really necessary and beneficial,  
however ye present Circumstances this Province Lyes under will not  
admit us to Launch out Money to Carry on ye same, therefore desire Col<sup>l</sup>.  
Herman may proceed according to former Agreement -

Signed by Order - W. Bladen C<sup>l</sup>. Assembly

Colonel Herman employed in building ye New Sted<sup>t</sup> House desiring  
leave to go up ye Bay in Order thereof; Leave is given him -

Mr. Francis Hutchins writing to ye House that his wife was newly  
delivered & that he could not leave her. His absence is excused -

Voted and Resolved by ye House (Nomine Contradicente) that all  
absent Members - not appearing in ye House at ye time appointed nor  
sending any reasonable excuse therefore shall be sent for by a Mesenger  
and shall pay such Charges as this House shall thinke reasonable to allow ye said  
Mesenger upon bringing in of his acc<sup>t</sup> thereof - and pay such Expenses, as this  
House shall impose, or give Security for so doing - or otherwise Comitted to  
Custody of ye Serj<sup>t</sup> at Arms untill Satisfaction Made -

Resolved in ye House, Nomine Contradicente, that Mr. Speaker  
Issue his Warr<sup>t</sup> to ye Serj<sup>t</sup> at Arms to find Mesengers for and to take into  
Custody and bring before this House Capt. Thomas Bunchop - Capt. John  
Bayne, Mr. Edward Boothby, Major James Maxwell and Col. J. Leidge  
Codd Members of this House who have not appeared according to pro-  
vocation thereof to answer their Contempt therein -

Committee of Appearances appointed -

Major Smithson

Mr. Saunders

Mr. Husby

Col. Perice

Ordered Mr. Conny. Chaplaine of ye House will go to prayers every  
Morning at 6. of ye Clocke.

House adjourned till 7 a clock to Morrow Morning -

Saturday May the 2<sup>d</sup> 1696.

The House met and being called over the following Members were  
absent viz<sup>t</sup>. Mr. Watson, Mr. Clarke, Capt. Bayne, Colonel Hanson