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Your Excellency having made this House acquainted by the Clarke of
the Council, that your Excellency's Son Mr. John Cook is a Priest, and therefore by Law
unqualified of sitting in this House.

Thereupon we humbly acquaint your Excellency that we find the said
Said Mr. Cook is a Member duly elected, that he hath sat in the
Generall Assemblys of this Province for almost twenty years, together
that he hath also had severall Commissions as well from the Lord &
Batterow as his present Saied Majesty for the executing and executing
both Judicall and Ministeriall Offices as other his Majesty's Subjects
being Laymen have accustomed to do.

We humbly conceive ourselves proper Judges of our own Members
and therefore have Resolved that the said John Cook is legally
qualified to sit as a Member in this House.

Signed of the Hon^{ble} M^{rs} Bladen C^{lerk} Assembly. Mr. Beall
Mr. Harrison, Major Hammond, Major Barton, Capt. Jenkins,
Mr. Saunders &c. was sent up with said Message.

House adjourned for two hours.
post. Mr. Beall, House Met - Mr. Beall and the other Members
sent returne and say they have delivered their Message.

Resolved the following Message be sent to his Excellency.

By the House of Burgesses Sept^r the 18th 1096.

We humbly desire your Excellency will be pleased to send down some of
his Majesty's Hon^{ble} Council to administer the usual Oaths to the new Elected
Members according to our late request to you and we may proceed to business.

Signed of the Hon^{ble} M^{rs} Bladen C^{lerk} Assembly.

Sent of Mr. Spilard, Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Saunders and Major Barton
who returne and say they have delivered their Message.

(Message from his Excellency the Gov^r and Council by the Hon^{ble}
Gen^l Tho^s Lawrence Bart^r Colonel George Robotham Colonel Nicholas
Greenbury Col^l Chas^l Hutchins, Col^l David Browne and James Tisbury
Esq^r)

By his Excellency the Gov^r and Council the 18th Sept^r 1096.

The Houses Message in Relation to Mr. John Cook, was received and
here read, and it is admird how the House that sits by the Kings
Commission can (at this time a day) bring any precedents for Matters
done in my Lord Batterowes Government considering that irregular
proceedings was the main point that overthrowed that Government.

And the House is advised for to Consider the Law
of England for one in pr a Burgess, and whether
Mr. John Since his Majesty's Government
for that reason, and it being a (Must
therefore be timely considered e Lawyers.