

Sitt in Parliament (or consequently in Assembly by reason of being or belonging to any other Body (with Submission to the better Judgement of the House)

The Major parte of this Committee are of Opinion that the Said Col. Coode doth belong to another Body, and is not qualified to sitt in this assembly as a Burgess. John Hammonds Chairman

Put to the Question if the House do concur with the Reports of the Committee in regard to Col. Coode's not being qualified to sitt of a Member of the House - and Carried by Majority of Voices in the Negative, and that the Said Col. Coode is legally qualified.

Col. Coode offers to take all such Oaths as may be lawfully imposed upon any Member of this House.

Resolved the following Message be sent to y^e Hon^{ble} His Hon^{ble} Council. By the House of Burgesses Sept^r 21st 1690.

This House have Carefully and Maturely Considered the last Message and the Objection made of the qualification of Col. John Coode presented to this House as a Burgess - and that we might be fully informed appointed our Committee of Elections and Priviledges to enquire and examine into the matter, and who accordingly done so and made their Reports -

Whereupon the following Question in this House - Whether the House will concur in the Reports of the Committee - that the said Coode was not qualified to sitt here or not, and thereupon - It is Carried and Resolved by Majority of Voices in this House that the said Coode is qualified to sitt in this House as a Member.

Whereupon we humbly present him to have the usuall Oaths administered. Signed by order -

W. Bladen Clk. Assembly.

Sent by Major Smallwoods and Mr. Hutchison - who are Ordered to present the said Col. Coode to be sworn.

Mr. Jenkins and Capt. Blay sent to acquaint the Hon^{ble} G^o Thomas Laurence Bart. that this House is ready to receive his Reports.

who returns to the House and say they have delivered their Message - The Hon^{ble} G^o Thomas Laurence Bart. Col. George Robertson, Col. Charles Hutchins, Thomas Brooke Esq. & James Fairby enter the House where being admitted - His Hon^{ble} G^o Thomas Laurence gives an acc^t and acquaints the House how the Affairs of this Province had been transacted by him in England.

Then came the following Message from His Hon^{ble} Council by the Hon^{ble} John Addison and Thomas Brooke Esquire - viz^t -

By His Excell^{ty} the Gov. and Council 7th 21st 1690.

The Message by Major Smallwoods and Mr. Hutchison in relation to Mr. Coode - this Board does conceive that the - - - - - Chosen rightly answered for that it is not dispu - - - - -