

The Committee of Accounts produce their Journall which is read, and well approved of by the House.

House Adjourned for an hour.

post Meridien - House met - And a Ser. from his Ex^{ty} Edmond Andross and a warrant to George Plater Esq. His Majesty's Receiver Gen^l to demand 300^l Sterl. of the publique Revenue taken by the S^r Edmond when he assumed this Governmt. - Read, approved and signed by the S^r Speaker on behalfe of the House of Burgesses.

Colonel Beall enters the house -

M^r Charles Canoll of Council for his Lordsh^{ps} the S^r being called into the house and reads concerning the Bill for the Relief of the Legates and Cred^{ts} of Marke Corda deceased and severall other things produced, the said Bill is assented to, Nemine contradicente.

House adjourned till 9 of a clock to Morrow Morning.

The House met - And it having been recommended that they would lay an additional Duty of 3^d p^h on tob^l exported.

Resolved that the following Message be sent to his Ex^{ty} and His Majesty's Councils

By the House of Burgesses Sept^r the 29th 1696.

This House do Humbly signify that they have caused the Originall Act for 3^d an p^h given his Ex^{ty} during his Governmt^e as also the Act made in May last laying a further additional duty of 3^d p^h Hogheads on tob^l exported for defraying the publique Charge of this Province for one year and no longer to be inspected - We have also passed our last Reviving Bill and find that by the same the afo^r Bills are renewed and put in force for the Terme of three years or untill the end of the next S^r general Assembly, which we conceive hath happened through some mistake or neglect, and to remedy the same Humbly desire the said two Acts may be repealed - And drawn - - - - - the Act for 3^d p^h given his Ex^{ty} and in force during his Government only according to the Originall - - - - - Intent of the House, and the last three pence to continue and be in force untill the 12th day of May which shall be in the year of our Lord God 1698 - and applyed to the building of the Church at Annapolis,

Signed J^o - - - - -

Sent by Major Dent. The Bill for keeping good Rules and Orders in the ports of Annapolis -

A petitionary Bill about the Companies Officers, read the first time and passed. Then came to the house the Hon^{ble} Colonel Hutcheson and Colonel Berry and bring downe from his Ex^{ty} one of his Majesty's Royal Instructions to his Ex^{ty} which is as followeth.

And you are particularly not to pass any law or any Act by Grants,