

Churches are built, read the second time.

A Bill improving Mr. Heerman to sell Lands in this state read
ye third time, and passed. Nemine Contradicente.

Moved that the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Council for Trade be
addressed for a Separate Convoy for this Country.

Resolved that it will not be convenient to address their Lordships
for such Convoy, in regard that the Virginia Fleet may have quick
dispatch to the West and thereby forestall our Markets of Tobacco.

Mr. Clarke presents the following Report from the Committee of Lawes
It being referred to this Committee of Lawes to consult the old Law for
Regulating the Militia of this Province.

The Committee having seriously and deliberately consulted the old
Law, and debated the severall proposals of this Ex^{ty}. to be enacted into a
new Law do finde that the said proposals tend much to the regulating
of y^e Militia, as likewise the ease of the poorer sort of Inhabitants.

But for as much as there is an appearance at this time of some
Disturbance with the Indians, doe not thinke it a proper time to set a
Law aside that the Inhabitants are so well acquainted with, as likewise
considering that severall of the new proposals if enacted into a Law, y^e it
is impossible to put the same in Execution this twelve Months at the
least - therefore the Committee are of Opinion, that a Copy of the said
proposalls be drawn out for every County of this Province, to the ends
that the Inhabitants of each County may consider of the same; and
give it to their Delegates in Charge to the next Assembly. It being not
unusual for Parliaments or Assemblies to enact Lawes altogether new
untill first acquainting the people therewith and having their Sanction.

Signed for do.

Henry Seflus Ch. of y^e Conference.

Resolved this House doe Concur with the Report of the Committee,
and that the same be sent to his Ex^{ty} the Gov. and his Maty^{ties} hon^{ble} Councils,
by Major Thomas Smith, Major Dent, and Major Small together
with the following Bills, viz^t.

A Bill ascertaining how and when executions shall be granted for
publick officers fees, read the first time and passed.

A Bill for ascertaining the Rooms and offices in y^e New Stad^{ts} house
read the first time. And a Bill for purchasing Lands to build Churches
on and read the second time.

House adjourned till 2 of the Clocke.

Post Medicin, House met. Resolved the following message
be sent to his Ex^{ty} and his Maty^{ties} hon^{ble} Councils.

By the house of Delegates June the 5th 1697.

The House desires what Bills have passed the hon^{ble} board may be