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Impositions on diverse Commodities and Offices for diverse publique uses in
the said Laws expressed, and for that we finde there is sufficient Money
raised to answer the Ends therein proposed according to the true intent and
Meaning of the House, We humbly desire the same or so many thereof as
seem good to your Ex^{ty} and this House, may be repealed and abrogated, the
said Impositions being very much complained of in the severall Counties as
given in charge to their Representations.

Signed & Ordes

W. Bladen Esq^r Speaker

Sent by Major Innes and Mr. Saunders together with a Bill for
Reformation of Jeofailes, and a Bill for Quietting the differences arising
between of English and Indians.

Moved by a Member of the house whether it be lawfull for y^e Sheriffs
to arrest any person on board of Shipp within his Baylwick.

Resolved that such an arrest is a Legall Caption.

House Adjourned till 6 a clocke to Morrow Morning.

Wednesday June the 9th 1697.

House met - Capt. Henry Smith appears in the house as a new
elected Member for St. Marys County.

Major Dent and Capt. Hill sent along with him to his Ex^{ty} and to his
Maj^{ty} hon^{ble} Councill to have him sworn. who attorne and say they
saw the usual Oathes administered to him which he took.

Whereupon he is Ordes to take his place in the house.

Then came the Hon^{ble} Colonel Hutchins and Colonel Counts and
brought down from the Councill Board, the Bills yesterday sent up.

A Bill for redressing the publick Credite, read the first tyme.

A Bill for apportioning y^e publick Levy read and committed.

Severall Queries in a Letter from their Lordships the Lords of y^e Councill
for Trade and Plantations Laid before the house.

And are answered as followeth - And y^e 4th Query, being

That few or no Families are come in to this Province to reside, especially
from Pennsylvania, and few or none remove from hence to the proper
Province of Pennsylvania, only some single persons (mostly women) are of
late come from England or Ireland in the quality of servants about sixty
soules; And some few of the meanest Inhabitants to avoid y^e prosecution
of their Creditors have chosen to shelter themselves among the Inhabitants of the
Lower Countys - on Delaway Bay and Pennsylvania - And indeed the low
price which the planter having been constrained to accept of from the market,
hath obliged many here finding their Industry would not supply their
Necessities to try their fortunes elsewhere to ye apparent and considerable
diminution of the number of our Inhabitants compared with preceding
years and lists.