

Then came down the Hon^{ble} Colonel Nicholas Greenbury & Colonel Charles Hutchins with the Severall Bills yesterday presented to by the house (the same being presented to by His Matys Hon^{ble} Council) together with some proposals and Quere.

Resolved by this house that it will be for His Matys Service that the Shippes in the County after the Men of Warre are gone out of Virginia be permitted to saile as fast as got ready.

Resolved by this house that the persons appointed to apportion the publick Levy be heereby impowered to order the payment of severall Summes of Money to the severall persons that are allowed the same this Session upon the Journall of the Committee of accounts out of the publick Treasurers Hands.

Sent to His Matys Hon^{ble} Council. A Bill for apportioning the publick Levy, read the third time and assented to by the house.

The said Bill with the following Ordinance sent up to His Matys Hon^{ble} Council by Major Dint, Capt. Play and Mr. Ferry.

By the House of Delegates June 7th 1697.

Voted and Resolved that the Kings Armes and the Countys Armes be distributed according to Order of His Ex^{ty} the Gov^{ty} and Council be kept well fixed and in good repair at the County Charge as also the Carrying and removing them to those places where they are lodged.

That the officer with whom the Arms powder and Ammunition is or shall be lodged give two Receipts for the same one to His Ex^{ty} the Gov^{ty} another to be kept among the Council Records, what Arms Ammunition he and not to be disposed of (except powder as shall be hereafter ordered) by the officers where lodged unless by Order of His Ex^{ty} or of the field officers in case of Invasion or Insurrection (which God prevent) upon forfeiture of twice the worth of the said Arms and Ammunition to be disposed of for purchasing more.

That upon the definnall Death or Removall of any officer with whom Arms and Ammunition are lodged, the next field officer with one Capt. doe immediately goe and take an account of the said Arms and Ammunition and secure them untill they receive some further Order there about from His Ex^{ty} the Commander in Chief to whom they are with convenient speed to send.

That if it appears that the Arms and Ammunition have been Embezzled by any officer with whom they are or heretofore have been lodged, or by the Heirs Executors &c. of any such officer that the value thereof shall be first satisfied out of the said deceased officers Estate.

That considering the powder of this Province is generally decayed and of little value, that it may be Lawfull for Each respective officer with whom it is lodged to sell or dispose of one halfe of the same, &