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Conferred to loose his dayes allowance except he shews a Reasonable  
Excuse for his non appearance.

Ordered that Major John Lowe, Mr. John Whittington, Mr. Ben<sup>th</sup> Hall, Mr.  
Walter Campbell, Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Young and Major W<sup>m</sup> Barton go downe and  
present the Address on the behalfe of Mr. Philip Clarke to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and Council.

Read a petition of Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Coursey of Talbot County and Eliz<sup>th</sup> his  
wife praying that an Act. may be made to Inpower them to sell and  
make Acknowledgments of severall Lands left by Col<sup>l</sup>. Vincent Lowe dec<sup>d</sup>.  
for the payment of the Debts of him the said Lowe.

Ordered that a bill be drawn up to Inpower the said Mr. Coursey  
and Eliz<sup>th</sup> his wife to sell and Acknowledge those Lands left by Colonel  
Vincent Lowe dec<sup>d</sup>. to be sold for the payment of his Debts as aforesaid  
and that Col<sup>l</sup>. John Thompson prepare such bill.

Ordered that Major Thomas Smith, Col<sup>l</sup>. John Thompson, Capt<sup>t</sup>  
Philip Hopkins and Mr. John Hall be appointed a Committee to inspect  
the publick acc<sup>t</sup>. of this Province.

Who being so appointed accordingly went out.

Ordered that Mr. William Harris, Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Hutchison, Mr. James  
Saunders, Mr. Elisha Hall and Mr. Simon Willmore be appointed  
a committee to examine into the Grievances of this Province and make  
Report thereof to this House.

Who being so appointed accordingly went to Enquire thereof  
Major John Lowe, Mr. John Whittington, Mr. Ben<sup>th</sup> Hall, Mr. Walter Camp-  
bell, Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Young and Major W<sup>m</sup> Barton. Returne and say they have  
delivered the address. Capt. Hill appears.

Moved by a member of this House that some way be thought on how  
to ascertain the bounds of Lands within this Province to avoid suits at law.

Ordered that sixteen Members with the Speaker be a sufficient  
number to make a course.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> and Maj<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dent attorney Gen<sup>l</sup>  
of this Province enter the House and present Mr. Speaker with the  
following message, which was read, viz<sup>t</sup>.

By his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council in Assembly.  
Octob<sup>r</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup>. 1698.

The message from the House by Major Lowe and four others  
of your Members, was rec<sup>d</sup>. and read, and finding how familiarly  
you have four times mentioned the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the House of Commons  
in his Majesty's Kingdome of England desiring the opinion of his  
Ex<sup>ty</sup> and this board upon Questions in the said message ju<sup>st</sup>.

This Board Considering of what weight and Consequence it  
is to adudge the Rights and priviledges of the R<sup>ty</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the House of  
Commons in his Majesty's Kingdome of England will not Immediately