

first time and Ordered to be read to Morrow Morning.

Moved by a Member of this House whether it might be convenient to repeal the act of Assembly of this Province for laying an Imposition upon Officers.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee of Laws to Consider thereof and prepare a bill.

Moved by a Member of this House for as much as the Method used in this Province for Officers Fees being upon Execution as if the bodies of persons being indebted to them for Fees is altogether contrary to the Rules of the Common Law and practice in England whether it might not be sufficient for the said Officers to have only *Fiari Facias* as the goods of such persons.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee of Laws to Consider thereof  
Major John Hammond and Mr. Thomas Staley and Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup>. Young are sent with the Answer to his Excell<sup>ty</sup> Propositions.

Read John Newtons Petition.

Ordered that he be allowed 20<sup>s</sup> of Tobacco a day for his accommodations during this Session of Assembly.

Read Mr. Lydalls petition. Ordered that he be allowed for so long time as he kept the Ferry.

Mr. Eliza Hall and Mr. Walter Lane Came from the Committee of Grievances and required of Mr. Speaker the Journals of the last Committee of Grievances which he had the last Session.

Who makes answer that his Excell<sup>ty</sup> in his Mat<sup>ty</sup> Name Comanded him to deliver it up before he went out of Towne.

Ordered that Mr. Francis Jenkins, Mr. Mich<sup>l</sup>. Miller, Mr. James Crauford, Mr. John Carvile, Col. Ninian Beale, Mr. Simon Millmore and Mr. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Tilghman be appointed a Committee of Laws.

The House adjourned till one of the Clocks.

Ed. die. The House met and were called over, and were present as before.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Col<sup>l</sup>. Henry Courts and Thomas Brooke Esq. Enter the House and present Mr. Speaker the following Message (Orig.)

By his Excell<sup>ty</sup> the Gov<sup>er</sup> and Councille.

Octob<sup>r</sup>. 31<sup>st</sup>. 1698.

The Houses Message by Mr. John Hammond Mr. Staley and Mr. Young brought this day was here rec<sup>d</sup>. and read, and his Excell<sup>ty</sup> and this board do approve of the Houses Resolutions therein and hereby express their Satisfaction in that you do proceed to doe his Mat<sup>ty</sup> and the Countys business the sooner and for which you are now met and hope in God there will be a good and Speedy Conclusion of this Session.

Signed by Order.

W. Bladen M<sup>r</sup>. Councille

Capt. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Hill, Maj<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Small and Mr. W<sup>m</sup>. Tayland being appointed a Committee to examine severall papers delivered by his Excell<sup>ty</sup> to