

them to be a Justice of Peace in order for the preservation amongst them of the peace.

Read Joseph Thompson's petition praying an Order of this house for his quiet possession of a piece of Land.

The Pet^r referred to his defence at the Common Law.

The house adjourns till to Morrow Morning at Eight of Clock.
Dies Jovis Novemb^r 3^o 1698.

The house met again, and were called over, Absent Mr. Philip Clarke Mr. George Ashman and Mr. Mr. Hensley.

Mr. John Ferry having urgent occasion was admitted to go home.

Read over what was done yesterday.

Mr. Beards Remonstrance relating to publick Credit yesterday referred, was read over.

Put to the vote of the act of Assembly made in May 1697. Entitled An act ascertaining what shall be the Sheriffs duty in and upon returns by them made for publick dues and officers fees.

Carried Nemine Contradicente in the affirmative.

The proposall of his Ex^{ty} and Council on behalfe of Mr. Jo^h Mann yesterday referred to the Consideration of a full house, was read.

Madam Bourne's petition read, being yesterday referred.

The house resolved themselves into a Grand Committee, and Capt. Richard Hill is ordered to make reports of their proceedings at the next sitting.

The Committee breaks up, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair. Capt. Hill makes report as followeth. viz^t

That he is ordered from the Committee to acquaint them, that for as much as the severall Committees are to go out by which means the members of the remaining part of the Members, will be but small that as many members as will constitute a house shall take into consideration the petition of Mad^m Bourne and the proposall relating to Mr. Mann and do what they shall thinke necessary in these affaires.

The Bill Improving the Vestymen, Churchwardens &c to relieve the paithioners, read the second time was committed for amendment.
A Bill for Repealing the Act Entitled An Act for raising a Supply towards the defraying the publick Charge of this Province, read the first time, and Ordered to be read againe to Morrow Morning.

Resolved that a Message be sent to his Ex^{ty} and Council to appoint two of the Council to Joyn with three of the Members of this house to Consider of the matter relating to the Nanticoake Indians And Ordered a Message be drawne.