

A Bill for preventing of the Sheriffs from Summoning the Delegates and Justices of the peace to serve as Jurors in this Province, read the first time and ordered to be read again on Monday Morning.

A Bill for repealing an Act Entitled an Act ascertaining what shall be the Sheriffs duty in and upon returns by him made for publick dues and officers Fees, read the first time and ordered to be read again on Monday Morning.

A Bill appointing how publick officers shall receive their dues accruing by their office, read the first time and Comitted for amendment.

A Bill for ascertaining the bounds of Lands read the first time and ordered to be read again on Monday Morning.

A member of this House brings in a Bill for the more effectual Suppressing of Cursing and Swearing, the same was read the first time and ordered to be read again on Monday Morning.

The hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench Esq. and Col<sup>l</sup>: John Addison, Enter the House and presents Mr. Speaker with Generall papers.

Mr. W. Bladen C<sup>l</sup>: of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>:s hon<sup>ble</sup> Councille Enter the house and acquaints them that his Excellency desires two of the Members of this House to go downe to the Councille Chamber and see Mr. Robt. Mason Treasurer of the Western Shore make oath to his acc<sup>ts</sup>.

Ordered that Col<sup>l</sup>: Nincan Beal and Mr. James Saunders goe downe to the Councille Chamber and see Mr. Robert Mason Swear to his said acc<sup>ts</sup>.

They returne and say they have seen the S<sup>r</sup> Mason make oath to his said acc<sup>ts</sup>.

Ordered that Mr. W. Sayland and Mr. John Hall apporition the Publick Leany.

Mr. W. Bladen C<sup>l</sup>: of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>:s hon<sup>ble</sup> Councille by the Speakers favour of this House admitted Enter this house and humbly moves this house for 5000<sup>l</sup>: for fuel part of the Countys business which he did on the acc<sup>ts</sup> of Mr. Henry Denton deceased late C<sup>l</sup>: of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>:s hon<sup>ble</sup> Councille and for 4000<sup>l</sup>: of Tobacco for 4 Months Sallary which he claymes as C<sup>l</sup>: of the Assembly.

Referred till Monday Morning.

The house adjournes till Monday Morning, Eight of Clock.

Dies Lune Novemb: 7<sup>th</sup> 1698.

The House mett againe and were called over, absent Mr. James Beauford, Capt. Philip Hopkins, Mr. George Affman, Mr. John Ferry, Mr. W. Hensley. Read over what was done yesterday.

Moved by Major Hamond that the persons that made the ditch might be paid by this House, for that the pay which was allowed them was ordered in the hands of Mr. Robert Mason publick Treasurer of the