

The Honble Thomas Tench Esq^r and Col^l: John Addison
Enter the House and present the following Message (viz^t)

By His Exc^{ty} the Gov^r: and Council in Assembly July 14th 1699.
The Report has been here read and the House concurs with the House
of Delegates in approving thereof and Recommend it to the House to pass
a bill accordingly.

The Consideration of this Subject brings into Remembrance the
many signal Services and Laborious Endeavours of Col^l: Minian Beale
one of your Members which he still continues willingly even beyond what
his age seems Capable of - therefore that good Services may not go unre-
warded and that others in time to come maybe Encouraged thereby
to Exert their abilities in the Countys Service.

It is recommended to your Consideration to Make him some allowance
out of the publick Stock to the Value of one hundred or soe much Money as
will buy him four Negroes and that some s^{on} may be appointed to buy and
deliver them to him and that they may be settled in some s^{on} for his use and
Support during his life and after during his wifes and after to such Child
or Children as he shall dispose by his last will and Testament and not
Subject to paymt^t of any the said Col^l: Beales Debts.

Signed & Order

W. Bladen Clk: Council

Put to the vote if any imposition shall be laid on Irish Serv^{ts} or not
Carryed in the affirmative.

Put to the vote if 15 Shillings or 20 Shillings shall be the imposition
Carryed by the Majority of voices for twenty Shillings.

Resolved that a Bill be prepared to lay an imposition of Twenty
Shillings p^{oll} on all Negroes and Irish Serv^{ts} imported into this Province
to be paid in ready Money in this Province and to be directly applyed
to the defraying the Publick Levy and to noe other use whatsoever.

Resolved that the act of Assembly for Conveying Publick Lett^{rs} being but
a Temporary act be made perpetual.

Resolved that if His Exc^{ty} will be pleased to Consent that the
act ag^t: Divulgers of False News be repealed.

Put to the vote if any Imposition shall be laid on Rum and Wine
and Carryed in the affirmative.

Put to the vote if the Imposition shall be 3^d or 4^d p^{oll} Gallon and Carryed by
the Majority of voices for 3^d.

Resolved that a Bill be prepared imposing a duty of 3^d p^{oll} Gallon on
all rum wine or Brandy which shall be Imported either by Land or
Water from any the Islands into this Province and to be applyed towards
the defraying of the Publick Charge of this Province.

Resolved that the act for the Encouragement of Tillage be wholly rejected.