

Ordered that Maj<sup>r</sup> Matteo Smith Mr<sup>s</sup> Tho: Greenfield, Mr<sup>s</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Whittington  
Mr<sup>s</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Collins Carry the said Bills to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and Council.  
The Message by the Honble Robert Smith and Tho: Taster Esq<sup>r</sup>. Enter the  
House and bring Back the Bills sent by Col<sup>l</sup>: Ennalls and Others.  
A Bill for Levying of fines on Maj<sup>r</sup>: Dorsey and Others read 2<sup>d</sup> time.  
A Bill for Serv<sup>t</sup> and Slaves read the second time.

Put to the vote if the clause for prohibiting of cutting off the nose  
or Ears of Negroes shall be left out or not. and carryed in the Affirmative.

Ordered that Major John Love Mr<sup>s</sup> John Hall Mr<sup>s</sup> Jacob Lockeman  
and Major Thomas Smith carry the said Bills to his Ex<sup>ty</sup>: Council.

By the House of Delegates July 21<sup>st</sup> 1699.

It falling under the consideration of this House of carrying out building  
of a Church within this Port and Towne Humbly pray of a advice of Mr<sup>s</sup>  
Essex and his Mat<sup>ty</sup>: Honble Council in whose hands the fund raised  
for the building the Church was lodged.

Ordered that Maj<sup>r</sup> Mr<sup>s</sup> Whittington and Mr<sup>s</sup> Philip Briscoe Carry the  
said Message to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> and Council.

Who Returne and say they delivered their Message.

The Honble Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brookes Esq<sup>r</sup> Col<sup>l</sup>: John Court  
and Mr<sup>s</sup> James Frisby Enter the house and present the following Message  
and bring Back the Bills last sent.

By the Council in Assembly July 21<sup>st</sup> 1699.

We have considered the Catalogue of Laws laid before us, and  
advised to be continued in their Native dress and approved very  
well of of Care and wisdom therein (yet as every Gent<sup>l</sup> rule may  
admitt of some Exception soe on this occasion we thinke it becoming  
us to Recommend to you Mr<sup>s</sup> Robert Blackiston and Mr<sup>s</sup> Robert Finley a  
Gent<sup>l</sup> that hath constantly attended his Mat<sup>ty</sup>: Service in Ireland  
and England from the Beginning to the End of the late warres and  
now come here with his Ex<sup>ty</sup> that they may by some publick Ordinance  
or otherwise be allowed to hold any employ<sup>mt</sup> or office they or either  
of them shall be found capable off notwithstanding the Bill in favour  
of Natives. we believe it very agreeable with our Duty and affection  
to his Mat<sup>ty</sup> and our Native Country to lett such Distances therefore  
fall upon those who have soe signally attended the Service of Both  
Especially in such particulars as this which cannot have any Influence  
to dispead the Gent<sup>l</sup> drift of that Lawe but may doe them Good, and  
the Country noe Harm.

Signed of Order

W<sup>m</sup> Bladen C<sup>l</sup>: Council.

Proposed by the Committee of Laws that a Gratuity of two hundred and  
fifty pounds be presented to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> which was agreed on Nomin<sup>l</sup> Contradict<sup>l</sup>