

to the Sheriff that he continued him in the list for the said John Taylor.
 Now may it please this Honble House this matter appearing very
 nice and we of the Committee knowing our own insufficiency have
 resolved that it be referred to this Honble House whether the said Bice
 shall be thought qualified to give his vote upon John Taylors allegation
 that Mr. Edmondson did give Satisfaction at the time of Election as
 before that he was duly qualified.

There is likewise another difficulty amongst us which we must
 acknowledge ourselves incapable of determining and submit to the
 Judgment of this Honble House to wit: whether the Sher. of the County hath
 a right to vote, and if he be qualified to vote then is our opinion that
 John Leconpt is Duly returned to serve as a delegate this present Generall
 Assembly;

But if it shall be the Judgment of this House that the Sher. have no
 right to vote and that the said Morris Bice is duly qualified to give his
 vote then it is our opinion the said Sher. hath made an undue return
 of John Leconpt. but in this we submit

The usuall method of drawing the Indentures returned for
 Dorchester County viz.

Between Jacob Lookeerman High Sher. of the County
 of Dorchester on the one part and Maj: Jacob Lookeerman Burgess and
 freeman of the County on the other part, which is likewise of force of
 the other three Indentures is humbly offered by us to the consideration
 of the Honble House.

Thomas Greenfield Chairⁿ
 Phill: Loyds
 Hugh: Eccleston
 Elisha Hall
 Sam: Sucklenoe

After some debate in the house concerning the matter referred
 to their Consideration it is resolved that Mr. John Leconpt is duly
 returned a Burgess for Dorchester County.

Signed by Order of Committee
 W. Doyse Clerk

Putt to the Question whether the Sher. have any vote upon Election
 of Delegates or not.

Resolved by Majority of voices that the Sheriff. have not any
 vote on Election.

The house adjournes till Monday Morning 7 a clock
 Monday May the 12th 1701.

The house mett and were called over, wanting Maj: Walter Smith.
 Col: Small appeared in the house and Ordered that Maj: Smith and