

Read and assented to - Signed by Orders. W. Sayland C.R. Gov. Decr:
Which being here read it is resolved by the house that the same
be entered upon the Journals of this house first having His Excellency's
assent thereto.

W. John Salter, W. Sand & Younge and Capt. John Dorsey appointed
to treat with Mr. Beard about a room for the powder &c:

Proposed that the room be 15 foot long and 10 foot wide framed
8 foot pitch to stand on cedar or locust blocks 1 foot from the ground
the ground floor and sleepers to be of white Oak the floors well laid
with inch plank nailed down with twenty penny Nails the roof to
be covered with inch pine planks ~~kiphered~~ one inch or more well nailed
on with 20^d Nails to be well studded borded and gable ends with inch
pine planks well nailed on with 20^d Nails the holes between the
plate and roof well filled up with bricks and mortar and fasten
tall dove doors to be fixed with a good stock lock and key all which
is to be well done strong tight and workmanlike by Mr. Richd Beard
for twenty pounds in Money. The roof to be well covered with
Cypres shingles on the planks.

Which being here considered Mr. Beard is desired to come in,
he enters the house and being demanded of Mr. Speaker whether
he will undertake the work in the Report Mentioned, who answered
he would perform the work and readily complied with yr. Agent.
Made with the Committee for 20^s in Money and obliges himself to
complete and finish the said work by the last of Aug^t. next and
Ordered that an Ordinance be drawn up for yr. off^t of

The House adjourned till to morrow Morning Seaven o'clock.
Dies Veneris May the 16th 1701. The House mett againe all called
over present as Yesterday.

A Bill for More Speedy obtaining Execution read the 2^d time and will
pass

A Bill to Encourage the Importing of Coynes, read the 2^d time and will pass.

On Motion of Mr. Philib. Sykes it is Ordered that Mr. Benj^m Blare be
added to the Committee to effect Mr. Sykes act.

Message by Tho: Finch Esq^r and Col^t John Addison was read w^t yr.

By his Exe^c of the Gov^r and Council in Assembly May 15th 1701.
Since by a Paragraph of the Letter from the Right Honourable the Lord
Com^r of Trade and Plantations &c: of the 5th of Dec^r last laid before
you, you cannot but observe their friendly advice to us that we should
appoint some qualified person to be our Agent in England there to P^rivate
w^t publick busines we shall desire to be successively dispatched, we
are desirous to know w^t resolution your house have thereon.

Signed by Orders - J. Bladen C.R. Gov^r Decr: