

or impracticable (as at present) your Posterity will be obliged to the present Assembly for their future Tranquility

All transmit to Mr Speaker some Letters about the New York Affairs as likewise an Account of a Criminal lately condemned & some other Accusations not yet brought into Trial by whose bloody Deaths to be ascrib'd to this horrid Combination you will be thoroughly sensible the Scene was laid to a very bloody Purge.

As you very well know the Occasion of this Meeting when you have well considered the several Instances Contrivances & Capes relating thereto if we are uneasy for the future blame not a Gentleman who will never be wanting to do his Duty to the best of Queens my Sovereign or his strict Friendship & vigilant Care over the Province her Majesty was graciously pleas'd to constitute me Governor.

Which being ended Mr Speaker & the rest of the Members took their Leave & returned to their House where Mr Speaker having taken their Orders his Excellency's Speech be read in the House which was read accordingly.

Ordered it be read again to Morrow Morning

Mr Thomas Greenfield Mr James Maswell & Mr Thomas Trusty ordered a Committee for Election and Privileges

Ordered Mr James Wootton be desired to attend the House for Prayers in the Church at seven O'Clock in the Morning & five in the Afternoon.

Ordered that the Clerk of this House inspect the Journal of the last Sessions of Assembly and draw therefrom all Resolutions to this Session & produce to the next for Consideration

The House adjourns till 7 O'Clock to Morrow Morning

Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1705

The House again met and being called over were present as Yesterday a Member of this House inform'd Mr Speaker that Mr Henry Coursoy a Member for Talbot County is now under great Affliction with the Gout whereby he is unable of attending the House therefore desires to be excus'd which is granted & allowed by the House.

The Committee of Election & Privileges ordered to go out upon their Committee and was deliver'd them an Indenture <sup>to enquire into the Election</sup> of John Lenton Esq; a Member chosen for Charles County to serve in stead of Colo William Dent deceased.

Mr Elias King Mr James Philips and Mr Joseph Hill appointed a Committee for stating & examining the publick Accounts of this Province Ordered to withdraw & repair to the Committee.

The Committee of Election & Privileges enter the House & report that the said John Lenton is duly elected a Member for Charles County.

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