

And ordered Mr Hugh Eccleston & Mr Thomas Trusby attend him to the Journal to see him sworn They return & say they have sworn him qualified
Colo Edward Lloyd & Colo William Holland from the Honble Journal onto the House and deliver Mr Speaker some Letters & Propositions relating to the Indian Affairs which are ordered to be read and being read the Matter therein contained are referred for further Consideration

Ordered his Excellency's Speech to again read, which being read,
Ordered Mr Robert Goldborough Mr Charles Greenbury and Mr Samuel Young, prepare an Answer thereto & forthwith lay it before the House for their Consideration.

The Petition of George Symonds & Elizabeth his wife praying Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the Will of Thomas Knighton deceased being read Ordered Summons issue to Mr Christopher Vernon as prayed & Leave is given the Pet. to bring in a Bill the next Sessions of Assembly.

Thomas Touch & John Hammond Esqrs from the Honble Journal onto the House and deliver Mr Speaker a Message relating to Richard Clark & his Accomplies, which being read the Consideration thereof is referred till Afternoon.

The Petition of Thomas Collier Naval Officer of the Port of Williamstadt being brought into the House was ordered to be read, which follows Vizt

To the Honourable the House of Delegates &c
The humble Petition of Thomas Collier Naval Officer of Williamstadt
Humbly sheweth,

That whereas one William Edmondson late of Talbot County deceased in Sept. 1701 delivered to your Petitioner as Naval Officer of Williamstadt three Bills of Exchange drawn by the said Edmondson upon Peregrino Brown Merchant in London for £50 Sterling and was for the Duty of fifty Pipes of Wine imported from the Island of Hiaw & at the Time of the drawing & Delivery of the said Bills the said Edmondson was esteemed to be a responsible Person and your Petitioner indorsed the said Bills to the Treasurer who sent them to England for Payment The first Bill was lost at Sea & two Years after the second came in protested & then Edmondson was dead & so much in Debt that his Estate was not sufficient to pay half his Debt & the Executor had paid as far as Able & beyond it before the Protest came & the Treasurer has sued your Pet. upon the Protest as Indorser of the said Bill & got Judgment against him. Therefore your Petitioner prays this Honble House that they will take into their Consideration & relieve him in the Premises by releasing him from the said publick Debt, which if he is enforced to pay will be to his utter Ruin.

And your Petitioner will pray
Which being read was ordered to be indorsed as follows
By the House of Delegates May 18th 1705
Upon reading the within Petition the Matter therein contained was taken into Consideration & fully debated in the House It resolved Veritas contradicente that the Petitioner Thomas Collier be fully & absolutely released from the Debt & Damages of the Judgment recovered against him in the Petition set forth the said Collier making Satisfaction for the Costs of Suit only whereof Colo Thomas Smithson the Treasurer is to take due Notice

Signed & Ordered
W. Taylor Secy. Dot.