

# JOURNALL

of the

## HOUSE OF BURGESSES

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*Tuesday October the 23<sup>d</sup> 1705*

**D**IVERS Burgesses to The number of Forty one having Taken the Oaths Appointed by Act of Parliament To be Taken Instead of The Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy The Oath Mentioned in an act Entituled *an Act declaring the Alterations in The Oath Appointed to be Taken by the Act Entituled an Act for The further Security of his Majestys person and The Succession of The Crown in the protestant line and for Extinguishing The hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales and all other pretenders and Their open and Secret Abettors & for Declaring The Association To be Determined together with The Test and Oath of a Burgeses Which was Administred to Them by Phillip Ludwell & William Bassett Esq<sup>rs</sup> two of her Majestys hon<sup>ble</sup> Council Commiffionated by his Excelency The Governor for That Purpose Mett in The house*

A Message from his Excly by M<sup>r</sup> Robertson.

*Gentlemen*

His Excly Comands Your Imediate Attendance upon him in The Council Chamber. Accordingly The Burgesses Went to his Excly and his Excly was pleased to Say to this Effect.

*Gentlemen*

I am glad to See So great an Appearance: I Desire you wou'd Return to your house & make Choice of a Speaker at your own Convenience.

And Thereupon The Burgesses being Returned, A Motion was Made and after a Debate The Question Put

That The house do now proceed to y<sup>e</sup> Choice of a Speaker.

*Resolved in the Affirmative*

Then the house proceeded to The Choice of a Speaker and after the Nomination of two Persons & Some Time Spent Therein did Choose M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Harrison for Their Speaker Who was by two Members Conducted and placed in the Chair

And Then The House adjourned Till to Morrow Morning Nine a Clock

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*Wednesday October y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1705*

**R**ESOLVED That M<sup>r</sup> Robert Beverley, M<sup>r</sup> Mason of Stafford M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Harrison M<sup>r</sup> William Armistead M<sup>r</sup> Marable, M<sup>r</sup> William Robinson, M<sup>r</sup> Ball, M<sup>r</sup> Bland, M<sup>r</sup> Bolling, M<sup>r</sup> Fitzhugh & M<sup>r</sup> Gaddes forthwith Attend his Excly & Acquaint him that The House had made Choice of a Speaker & to know his Exclys pleafure When The house Shall wait upon his Excly to present him and being Returned M<sup>r</sup> Beverley Acquainted The house They had Delivered The Said Message & That his Excly was pleased to Say he was glad The house proceeded so quickly to their Choice and That they Should hear from him presently

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A Message from his Exclty by Mr Robertfon

*Gentlemen*

His Exclty Commands Your Immediate Attendance on him in the Council Chamber And Accordingly the house Went to Attend his Exclty and being Returned Mr *Speaker* Acquainted The house to this Effect, That he had represented to his Exclty That The house had been pleased to Make Choice of him to be Their Speaker Which was by his Exclty Approved of, and That Thereupon in the Name of the Burgeffes he humbly Moved That all the Antient Rights and priviledges of the Burgeffes Might be Continued to This Affembly, That They & their Servants in Their persons and Estates Might be free from Arrests and other Disturbances That in all Their Debates They Might have freedom & Liberty of Speech and as Occasion Requires Access to his Exclty's person and That Thereupon his Exclty was pleased to Say They were Readily Granted and Should be Continued.

After which Mr *Speaker* further acquainted y<sup>e</sup> house That his Exclty was pleased to Make a Speech, and That the Same being Long he had obtained a Copy Thereof Which he Read and Then Delivered in at The Table Where the Same was again Read as follows

*Gentlemen*

Her Majesty having been gratiofously pleased to Think Me Worthy of Serving her in So Eminent a Station as the Government of this Antient Colony and Dominion, I Affuredly promise My Self—You Gentlemen Who are here Affembled are So well Inclined to The Service of her Majesty and the Welfare of This Country That you will not be Wanting on Your Parts to Concur with me by Doing all That is proper in Paying the Most humble Obedience to the Commands of So good, so great and So gratiofus a Queen.

I have not Many Things to offer to you now Beleiving her Majesty Well Satisfyed with Your Loyal Conduct and Behaviour here, What I have are all Concerted with The greatest Care & Tendernefs and adapted to The Ease and Wellbeing of her Majesty's Subjects of this Dominion among which I am to Recommend to You Gentlemen the Passing Those Suitable Laws which were Revised and Compiled here by The Direction of the General Affembly and Question not Every Gentleman here is so Sensible of his own Interest and of theirs whom he Represents That no Endeavours will be Wanting for the Speedy Accomplishing so usefull and Important a Work

In the Next place I am Comanded by her Majesty to propose to Your Most Serious Consideration The Making a Law for Erecting Towns Warehouses Warfs and Keys in Conveinient places the advantages naturally proceeding from Such things are Innumerable and So Much Wanted That I Think There is no Occasion of any Argument to Convince a Reasonable Man of the absolute Necessity There is for Them.

I am not Infensible of the Objections formerly Made to this Affair and am well Satisfyed by Your prudent Council they may be all Taken away

I am also by the Royal Command to Recommend Earnestly to you Gentlemen of the house of Burgeffes the Building a house fit for The Reception of Your Governor.

Certainly it is a great Dishonour That a Colony So Considerable Which Exceeds all others in Antiquity Should Want That Accomodation for The Person her Majesty is pleased to honour with So great a Character Which almost the Meanest under her Dominion is provided with.

I Beleive Some Gentlemen here Present are Sensible what Inconveinencys I have and Still Do Labour Under Upon That Account Whatever Lys in My Power for promoting So Desired a Design Shall be Readily Done and Every thing That May be of Service to her Majesty & this Colony

*Gentlemen*

I Would have you all Sensibly Toucht with the Blessings you Enjoy under the Government of So pious and gratiofus a Queen Whose Tender Care for her Subjects is not Confined to the Narrow Compafs of *England* but is Equally Extended to all her Dominions and to None More Then this Colony a Demonstrative Instance Whereof  
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is the Law her Majesty Caused to be Enacted in *England* for Encourageing Importation of Naval Stores from The Plantations by Which not only Due Encouragement is Given for Bringing Them in but a further Commerce is produced for Enabling her Majestys Subjects in These Parts to Make Returns for The Manufactures They Want. I hope Gentlemen you will Do all Things Proper on your Parts for The Advancement of So Usefull and profitable an Undertaking.

Her Majesty has Likewise been pleased to Declare in Council her Resolution to Open a trade with *Spain* for the advantage of her Subjects in *America* I would have you Consider how to Render That Commerce Most Advantageous to this Colony.

And now Gentlemen That There May be The better hopes of the Blessings of the Almighty upon your Councils in This Assembly I must with great Earnestness recommend to your Care the Suppression of Prophaneness vice and Immorality, and the Encouragement of the opposite Virtues

I hope all feuds and Animositys heats & Divisions from This Time be Laid Aside, and That I may Expect The happy Effect of a Unanimous Assembly Let There be no Contention among you but who shall be Most Obedient to her Majesty and Most Serviceable to This Country.

His Exclys Commiffion to *William Randolph Jun<sup>r</sup>* to be Clerk of the house of Burgeses and The Certificate of *Phillip Ludwell* and *William Bassett Esq<sup>r</sup>* two of her Majestys honou<sup>ble</sup> Council Certifying That They had Administred y<sup>e</sup> Oaths appointed by act of Parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy The oath Mentioned in an Act Entituled an Act to Declare The Alterations in The Oath Appointed to be Taken by the Act Entituled an Act for the further Security of his Majestys Person and The Succession of The Crown in The Protestant Line and for Extinguishing The hopes of The pretended prince of Wales and all other pretenders and Their open and Secret Abettors and for Declaring The Association to be Determined Together with the Test & Oath of Clerk to The house of Burgeses were Severaly Read

A Comiffion to M<sup>r</sup> *William Ballard* to be her Majestys Messinger in This Colony was Read.

Upon The Petition of *John Remington, Richard Morris Anthony Evans & Richard Strickland* praying to be Continued Doorkeepers to The house

Ordered That *John Remington, Richard Morris, & Anthony Evans* be accordingly Continued and That They give Their Respective Attendance on The house This Session.

The Petitions of *Robert Ambrose, James Purvis* and *Robert Armley* praying to be admitted Doorkeepers to The house were Severaly Read.

Ordered That The Said *Robert Armley* be admitted as a Doorkeeper to the house and That he give his Attendance Accordingly, and it is further ordered That The Said *Armley* at The End of this Session Return to The parrish from Whence he Came

The Orders of the house for Last Session being read at the Table

Resolved That The house do Approve of the Same and That they Shall Continue Orders for This Session

Ordered That The Said Orders ly Constantly upon The Table for Every Members perusal.

Ordered That The house be Called over as often as shall be Thought Conveinient and That Those Member[s] Who Shall be Wanting in their Duty of Attendance be Lyable to The Censure of the house.

Resolved and Accordingly Ordered

That it be a Standing Rule of This house That fifteen Members with The Speaker Shall be a Sufficient Number to adjourn.

The Petition of M<sup>r</sup> *Miles Cary Jun<sup>r</sup>* praying to be Admitted Clerk to one of the Committees being Read

Ordered That The Said *Miles Cary* be Clerk to The Committee of Publick Claims and That he give his Attendance Accordingly

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The Petition of M<sup>r</sup> *Charles Chifwell* Setting forth That There is a Vacancy in a Clerks place to one of The Committees and offering his Services to Supply That Vacancy—  
And

A Petition of M<sup>r</sup> *Orlando Jones* praying to be admitted Clerk to The Committee of Propofitions & Greivances being Severaly Read

*Ordered* That The Nomination of a Clerk to The Said Committee be Referred till to Morrow Morning.

A Comittee for Elections & Priviledges

M<sup>r</sup> *Nathaniel Harrifon* Chairman

M<sup>r</sup> *Francis Merriwether*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Fitzhugh*

M<sup>r</sup> *McCarty*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Gaddefs*

*Ordered* That M<sup>r</sup> *Miles Cary Jun<sup>r</sup>* be Clerk of this Comittee and give his attendance Accordingly.

A Comittee for Publick Claims

M<sup>r</sup> *Miles Cary* Chairman

M<sup>r</sup> *Tayloe*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Marable*

M<sup>r</sup> *W<sup>m</sup> Armistead*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Sullyvant*

M<sup>r</sup> *Bland*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Harry Beverley*

M<sup>r</sup> *Hodges*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Ball*

M<sup>r</sup> *Edwards*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Escrudge*

A Comittee for Propofitions & Grievances

M<sup>r</sup> *Peter Beverley* Chairman

M<sup>r</sup> *Robert Beverley*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Bolling*

M<sup>r</sup> *Nath: Harrifon*.....M<sup>r</sup> *William Robinfon*

M<sup>r</sup> *Hill*.....M<sup>r</sup> *William Cary*

M<sup>r</sup> *Mafon of Statford*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Christopher Robinfon*

M<sup>r</sup> *Barber*.....M<sup>r</sup> *Jenkins*

*Ordered* That The Clerk of The houfe Deliver to the Chairman of The Comittee for Elections & priviledges The Several Writts for Election of Burgefes Which Shall Come to his hands and That The Said Comittee Take into Their Conideration The Several Returns Thereon and Make Report of their proceedings & Opinions Therein to The houfe.

*Ordered* That The Comittees have power to adjourn Themfelves *De Die in Diem* and to Send for perfons Records Journals and other papers They fhall from Time to Time have Occasion of.

*Resolved* and Accordingly *Ordered*

That all Propofitions Greivances and Publick Claims be brought into The houfe within fourteen Days at furtheft or not to be Received in This Seffion of Affembly without particular leave of The houfe.

*Ordered* That The Clerk of The houfe publifh The furtheft time Set by the houfe for Receiving propofitions Grievances and publick Claims During This Seffion by Setting up a fair Copy of the Refolve of The houfe Made in That Behalf at each Door of The houfe

*Ordered* That The Comittee of Propofitions & Grievances Infpect The Journal of This houfe at The Laft Seffion and Report To The houfe What They find neceffary to be Taken into Conideration This Seffion

*Ordered* That The Comittee for Publick Claims Infpect The Report of The Said Comittee at The Laft Seffion and Report to The houfe What They find neceffary to be further Conidered This Seffion

*Resolved* and Accordingly *Ordered*

That all Petitions Propofitions & Greivances Directed for The Laft Seffion of Affem-  
bly and not Then Conidered be admitted to The Conideration of this Seffion

*Resolved*