

Every Wolfs head brought in one Match Coat from The perfon Who Shall be Appointed to Keep The Same for That use and That The Perfon Who is fo Appointed Shall give a juft Account of What he hath Delivered out When The County Levy is Laid

The houfe agreed to the Report of The Said Comittee *Vis'*

Resolved That The Same be Rejected

And upon Confideration of The Report of The Said Comittee Made upon That part of his Exclys Speech Relateing to her Majeftys Refolution to Open a Trade with *Spain* for The advantage of her Majeftys Subjects in *America*.

The houfe agreed to The Report of the Said Comittee *Vis'*

Resolved That This Country Stands Obliged to her Majefty for her grace and favour in That particular.

A Motion Was Made and after a Debate The Queftion was put

That Applcation be Made to his Exclý for a Recefs

Resolved in The Affirmative

Ordered That an Addrefs be prepared Accordingly, and That M^r *William Robinfon*, M^r *Byrd*, M^r *Cuftis*, M^r *John Weft* and M^r *Peter Beverley* prepare The Said Addrefs and Report The Same to the houfe as foon as Conveniently May be.

Ordered That it be an Inftitution to The Said Perfons to Acquaint his Excellency in The Said Addrefs how far This houfe hath proceeded in his Speech.

The houfe *Resolved* it Self into a Comittee of the Whole houfe upon The Bill Intituled *An Act for prevention of Trespaffes by Unruly horfes Cattle hoggs, Sheep & Goats and by Takeing away boats and Canoes*, and after Some Time Spent Therein M^r *Speaker* Refumed The Chair and M^r *Peter Beverley* Reported from The Said Comittee That They had Gone Through The Bill and agreed upon Several Amendments to be Made Therein Which he Read in his Place and Then Delivered in at The Table where The Same were again Read and agreed unto by The houfe

Ordered That The Said Amendments be made in The Bill & That The Said Bill be Read a Second Time.

And Then The houfe adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten a Clocke

Fryday November 23rd 1705

A LETTER from M^r *Samuell Bridger* a Member of this houfe Setting forth his Reafons why he Doth not Attend The Service of the houfe was Read.

M^r *Miles Cary* Reported That The Perfons Appointed had (According to order) Waited on his Exclý and Desired That he would be pleased to give Directions That The Accounts of her Majeftys Revenue for Support of The Government and The Contingent Charges Thereof Might be Laid before This houfe

A Bill prepared by the Comittee for Revifall of The Laws Intituled *an Act Concerning Servants & Slaves* was Read The firft Time and Comitted to a Comittee of the Whole houfe

M^r *William Robinfon* Reported That The perfons Appointed had (According to order) prepared an Addrefs to his Exclý Which he Read in his Place and Then Delivered it in at The Table, Where The Same was again Read

A Written Meffage from his Exclý by M^r *Robertfon*
Gentlemen

In Anfwer to Your Meffage Concerning The Accounts of her Majeftys Revenue, Upon Enqviry I find The Accounts are in M^r Auditor *Byrds* hands who is now at his houfe in The Country But I Shall as Soon as poffible Send for The Said Accounts and Lay Them before you

Edw: Nott

Then The houfe proceeded to The Confideration of The addrefs to his Exclý and Some Amendments being Made Therein The Same was agreed unto by The houfe & is as followeth

To

To His Excellency Edward Nott Esq^r her Majesties Lieut^v & Governor Generall of Virginia

The humble address of the house of Burgeffes
May it please Your Excl^y

Wee her Majesties Most Dutifull and Loyal Subjects The Burgeffes of This her Most Antient Colony & Dominion having Taken into our Serious Consideration Your Excl^ys Speech To This Asssembly Beg Leave to Lay before Your Excl^y a Summary Account of what Wee have allready Done Thereupon Together with an humble Supplication for What Appears to us to be Necessary at This Time

The Body of Laws Revifed and Compiled here by Direction of the Generall Asssembly being first Recommended we Entered into The Consideration Thereof as Soon as The house was Settled and prepared for it. and have Dilligently Applied Our Selves to That Work Ever Since, Several of Them are passed our house and Sent up to the honour^{ble} Council & Some progres hath been Made upon Several others in order to Their passing.

We agree and have Resolved That Appointing Ports and Towns will be advantageous to This Country and have Thereupon Nominated a Select Committee to whom it is Referred to prepare and bring in a Suitable Bill for that Purpose

Wee have Likewise Resolved That it is Necessary a house be built for The Reception of her Majestys Governor here but have not as yet Made any farther progres Towards it

Wee are of Opinion that The Law her Majesty Caused to be Enacted in *England* for Encouraging The Importation of Naval Stores from The Plantations will prove very Serviceable to This Dominion and with all Dutifulness acknowledge her Majesties grace and favour for her Declaration in Council of her Resolution to open a Trade with *Spain* for The Advantage of her Subjects in *America*

Wee may not without Injustice Omit Taking Notice how Earnestly Your Excellency hath been pleased to Express Your Self for her Majestys Service and The Good of This her Colony and Dominion in Several Parragraphs of Your Speech Which fully perfwades us of your great Zeal to Both and That we Shall Continue happy under your prudent Government.

Wee have Directed Severall New Bills to be Drawn & There are Several Acts past Since The Late Revifall Which must be Considered before The Body of The Laws Can be made Compleat and we are of Opinion They will Require a Considerable Time.

The Perfecting of The Work wee have now in hand wou'd be very gratefull to us all but for as Much as The Winter Season is so far Advanced and That we have no Prospect of getting Through The Whole in a Reasonable Time— Wee Take Leave to Represent to Your Excl^y That y^e Sharpness of The Weather and The Shortness of The Days Together with The Inconvenience we Labour under by Means of our Disperfed Lodgings will very much Obstruēt The Dispatch of Busines and So Occasion a far heavier Charge upon The People Than another Season Would When The Days are longer and wether More Temperate upon Which Account we Think our Selves Obliged to Make humble Suit to Your Excl^y for a present Reces in Such Manner and for Such time as in your Excl^ys Wisdom Shall be Thought Convenient.

Ordered That The Said Address be forthwith fairly Transcribed and Signed by M^r Speaker in order to be presented to his Excellency.

The house (According to Order) Resolved it Self into a Committee of The whole house to Consider further of The Bill Intituled *An Act against Stealing hoggs* and after Some time Spent Therein M^r Speaker Refumed The Chair and M^r Peter Beverley Reported from The Said Committee That They had gone Through The Bill and agreed upon Several Amendments to be Made Therein Which he Read in his place and Then Delivered in at The Table where The Same were again Read and agreed unto by The house.

Ordered That The Said Amendments be made in The Bill and That The Said Bill be Read a Second Time.

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M^r *Randolph* Moveing for Leave to go into y^e Country upon Extraordinary Occasions Leave is Accordingly Given him.

Ordered That he Attend The Service of The house again on *Thursday* next.

Ordered That M^r *Miles Cary*, M^r *Robert Beverley*, M^r *Hill* and M^r *Francis Meriwether* to go to The Council and Desire That They will be pleased to Appoint Such of Their Members as They Shall Think fitt to joyn with a Committee of This house to Consider What further Directions are Necessary to be given Concerning The finishing of The Capitol or The other Publick Buildings

The house Resolved it Self into a Committee of The whole house upon The Bill Intituled *An Act giving a Reward for Killing of Wolves* and after Some Time Spent Therein M^r *Speaker* Refumed the Chair and M^r *Peter Beverley* Reported from The Said Committee That They had gone Through The Bill and agreed upon Several amendments to be made Therein Which he Read in his place and Then Delivered in at The Table where The Same being again Read were agreed unto by The house and ordered to be Made in The Bill

Ordered That The Said Bill be Read a Second Time

The house (According to Order) was Called Over & The Absence of Those Members That Did not Appear was Excus'd

The house Resolved it Self into a Committee of y^e Whole house upon The Bill Intituled *an Act to prevent Killing Deer & Strikeing fish at Unseasonable Times* and after Some Time Spent Therein M^r *Speaker* Refumed The Chair & M^r *Peter Beverley* Reported from y^e Said Committee That They had gone Through The Bill and agreed upon Sever^{al} Amendments to be Made Therein which he Read in his place & Then Delivered in at The Table where The Same were again Read and agreed unto by The house with amendments

Ordered That The Said Amendments be Made in The Bill & That The Said Bill be Read a Second Time

M^r *Bird* Moveing for Leave to go into The Country upon Extraordinary Occasions Leave is Accordingly given him

Ordered That he Attend The Service of y^e house again on *Tuesday* Morning

Ordered That M^r *Peter Beverley*, M^r *Bland*, M^r *MaCartee* M^r *Harry Beverley*, M^r *Gaddes*, M^r *Christopher Robinson*, M^r *Taylor* M^r *John West* M^r *Anthony Armistead*, and M^r *Wife* do Wait upon his Excell^y & Acquaint him That This house hath prepared an Address to his Excl^y and Desire to Know his pleasure When The house Shall Attend him with Their Speaker to present The Said Address And being Returned

M^r *Peter Beverley* Reported That They had delivered The Said Mess^{age} & y^t his Excl^y was pleased to Say—I desire You to Acquaint Your house That to Morrow Morning at Eleven a Clock I will be in The Council Chamber.

The house being Informed That M^r *Ballard* a member of This house who hath lately had The Small Pox is Ready to Take his place in The house.

Ordered That M^r *Gaddes* Do Acquaint M^r *Ballard* That The house will Dispence with his Attendance at y^e present and That his being here will be very unacceptable And Then The house adjourned till to Morrow Morning Ten a Clock

Saturday November y^e 24th 1705

THE house according to order was Called over and The absence of those Members That did not Appear Excus'd

A Mess^{age} from The Council by M^r *Robertson* That The Council have Appointed two of Their Members to join with a Committee of y^e house to Consider what further Directions are Necessary to be given Concerning The finishing The Capitol & other publick Buildings Who will be Ready to Meet This Day at twelve a Clock in The Conference Room

And