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Journal. answered that there was once a Contest about the same in my Lord Baltemores time, but that my Lord did appoint them a Clerke at that time, His Ex^{ncy} therevpon did desire them to inquire and advize whoe might be a fit person to Execute that Trust as likewise Give Notice to the Members of the house of Burgesses now in Towne that when they meet together & haue perused their Writts of Ellection they send to this Board to make knowne their being mett in Obedience to their Maj^{ties} Writts of Election & that some persons from this Board may be Authorized to Administer the Usuall Oathes appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacy, & Test unto the severall members thereof, & Likewise to acquaint them that if the Burgesses are not all Come to Towne he would have them deferr chooseng a Speaker till there is a full house, that the same may be done in a faire manner to the likeing of the maj^r part of the house his Ex^{ncy} being willing to stay a day longer, for that End & purpose.

In Reading ouer the Journall of the house of Assembly held in September last the following Clauses therein Contained were Ordered to be taken Notice off & inserted in this Journall Viz^t

Saturday September the 23th 1693:

The house Resolve themselves into a Grand Com^{it}tee to goe upon the Conference yesterday appointed & doe Order & Constitute M^r Kenelm Cheseldyn Chaireman thereof, The said Com^{it}tee returne to the State house where M^r Speaker reassumeing the Chaire Signyfyed to the house that the Councill had acquainted him with their Receipt of a Lett^r from S^r Edmond Andros which Specified his haveing a Com^{is}sion for the Govern^t in case of Governor Copleys death and therefore thought the Conference needless & withall desired the speaker to Make knowne the same to the house.

Debated whether the Conference shall goe on or noe, & Voted accordingly & Carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered that a Message be drawne Up & sent to the said End & purpose, which was Done as follows Viz^t

p. 3 By the house of Assembly September 23th 1693.

Vpon M^r Speakers Makeing Report to the house of S^r Edmond Andross Com^{is}sion to succeed in the Governm^t in case of Gov^r Copleyes death the house are notwithstanding desirous to goe on in the Conference this Morning appointed for Satisfaction of the Legality of their power according to the Kings Com^{is}sion & was likewise soe Voted by the house

Signed p Ord^r

H Denton Clk Assembly.