

this province, and therein finding that it plainly appears to what use and purpose the tobaccoe therein mentioned to be levied is to be applyed (Viz^t) to the Defraying the necessary Charge of this province as hath been formerly used, there-upon resolved nemine contradicente not to recede therefrom.

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Signd p Ord^r

W Bladen Cl. Assembly.

Capt Hill & the rest of the Members return and say they have delivered their Message

The house is adjourned untill 6. of the Clock to morrow morning.

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House mett absent Mr Watson Major Smalwood Mr. Willm Helmsley and Colonel S^t Leidger Codd.

Complaint [being made that Allen] Robinet Ferryman appointed for [keeping the publique Ferry over] Severn River refuses to Sett [the Inhabitants of this Province] over the said River. Ord^red the Serg^t at Arms take] the s^d Allen Robin[et into Custody and bring] him imediately before [this house to answer his] contempt therein.

Message from [his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r in Councill] by the hon^{ble} Col: Charls Hutchins [and Col. John Addison] who reco^mend to the house that the sev^rall [addresses] and Letters resolved to be sent for England be got ready to be signed.

Ordered Cap^t Hill Major Dent & Major Smithson prepare them with all convenient Speed.

Moved in the house that whereas George Layfield Esq^r one of the Com^{rs} for Somerset County hath unjustly charged the said County for attending the County Court when at the same tyme he was not in the County.

Ordered that the Sherriff of Somerset County have the said Layfield here before this house upon the next Sessions or meeting.

The house adjourned till two of the Clock

Post Meridiem. The house met present as before

The hon^{ble} Colonel George Robotham Col: Nicholas Greenberry Col. Charls Hutchins and Colonel David Brown came downe from his Ex^{cy} the Gov^rnor and Councill and bring downe divers petitions of severall persons for the Office of Sherriffs within this province, and acquaint the house that whereas The severall Members of this house are most capable of Judging what persons are fittest Execute the said Office of