

U. H. J. Order that an answer for the same be drawn up which was drawn as followeth

By his Excellency the Governor and Council &c
September 18th 1696

The Houses Message in relation to M^r John Cood was received and here read and it is admired how the House that sits by the Kings Commission can at this time a day bring
p. 993 any President for matters in my Lord Baltimores Government considering that Irregular proceedings were the Cause and main point that over threw that Government and the House is advised to consider whether it is not against the Law of England for one in Priest or Deacons Orders to sitt as a Burgess and whether M^r John Hewett a Clergy man chose since his Majestys happy Government he was not disallowed for that reason and it being a matter of Great moment must therefore be timely considered and consulted by the Lawyers
Signed p Order Hen Denton Clk Concl.

Ordered that all the Lawyers in Town be sent for to appear at this Board to night

Brought from the House of Burgesses by M^r Pollard M^r Sanders Major Barton and M^r Hutchins the following Message Viz^t

By the House of Burgesses September the 18th 1696

We humbly Desire your Excellency will be Pleased to send down some of his Majestys honble Council to administer the usual Oaths to the new Elected members according to our late Request to the end we may proceed to Business

Signed p Order
W Bladen Clk Assembly

The Gentlemen of his Majestys honble Council are sent down with the foregoing answer to the former message being ordered at the same time to tender the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and test unto all the new Elected members except M^r Cood they Return and say they had performed their message and had pursuant to Order sworn all the members except before Excepted but that the House signified they had made a Resolve not to proceed to any Business till the House was full

The Gentlemen professing the Law now in Town being summoned to appear at this Board came up accordingly viz^t