

Sent p M^r Pollard, M^r Hutchins, M^r Saunders and Maj^r I. H. J. Barton. Who returne and say they have delivered their Message.

Message from his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill &c by the hon^{ble} S^r Thos: Laurence Bar^t Colonel George Robotham Colonel Nicholas Greenberry Col: Cha^s Hutchins, Col: David Browne, and James Frisby Esq^r

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill &c Sept^r 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 sitts by the Kings Comission can (at this tyme a day) bring any Precedents for matters done in my Lord Baltemores Government considering that irregular Proceedings was the main point that overthrew that Government.

And the house is advised for to consider [whether it is not against] the Law of England for one in [priests or deacons orders to sitt as] a Burgess, and whether M^r John [Hewett a clergyman chose] since his Ma^{ty}s happy Governm^t [he was not disallowed] for that reason, And it being a [matter of great moment] must therefore be tymely considered [and consulted by the] Lawyers.

Signed p Order, Henry Denton Clk: Councill.

S^r Thomas Laurence and the rest of the Gentlemen of his Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill, acquaint the house that they have it in comānd from his Ex^{cy} to administer the Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to the Severall new elected members (Col. John Cood excepted) who shall subscribe the Test. p. 107

Whereupon the Gentⁿ of his Ma^{ty} hon^{ble} Councill, are requested to withdraw for a while. And it being put to the Question if the Delegates lately chosen shall be sworne, omitting Col. John Cood.

It is carried in the Affirmative.

Whereupon the afa Gen^t of his Majestys hon^{ble} Councill reenter the house and Administer the Severall Oaths to the rest of the new Elected members, Col: Cood being omitted.

His hono^r S^r Thomas Laurence acquainting the house that he was ready to give them acc^t how the Affairs of this Province now stand in England, and that the rest of his Ma^{ty}s Councill attended to hear the same.

S^r Thomas and the rest of his Ma^{ty}s Councill are desired to withdraw. After which Resolved that before the same be heard or this house will proceed to any further business the matter concerning Col: Cood:

House adjourned till 6 of a Clock to morrow morning.