

Original Lays before them their L<sup>dps</sup> L<sup>res</sup> to him of the 2<sup>d</sup> of Sep<sup>tr</sup>  
 Journal. 1697 and the 23 of febr<sup>ry</sup> 1697/8

The printed news lately by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> received from New Yorke Delivers severall representations to him relateing to the Coole Springs in saint Marys County and proposes that if the house doe Consent to have some small Tenem<sup>ts</sup> built there in the nature of an Hospitall he will giue twenty five pounds sterling towards the building thereof

Recomends to the house that they would appoynt a Committee to state the Publick Revenue of the Province that the severall Accounts may appear fairely made and that a seperate Account be made of what belongs to the ffree schooles

p. 5 And that the said Committee may Examine and State the Charge of the building the State house that It may be publicly knowne for Satisfaction of the Country and all others desiring to see the same.

Shews the house a Copy of M<sup>r</sup> Cood and M<sup>r</sup> Slys late Articles ag<sup>t</sup> him in regard that sev<sup>r</sup>all of them had relation to many things done in the house the last Sessions

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> observes to the house their insisting to haue the Clarke of their house sworne to secresie tells them that he does not understand what they meane thereby but says he thinks it very unparliamentary to order the Speaker of their house to keep a Journall but says they themselves may transcribe the proceedings during the sitting of the House at their pleasure Tells them that he is willing that both the Hon<sup>ble</sup> his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Councill and the sev<sup>r</sup>all members of the house should be sworne to secresye and this to prevent false storrys being told which distract the people.

Lastly his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to tell the house that ever since he had had the hono<sup>r</sup> to serve his most sacred Ma<sup>ty</sup> in the Station It hath pleased him to place him in he had endeavoured nothing but for the Glory of God the service of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> and the Good of this Province to which and noe other Ends he prayed Almighty God to direct them.

Whereupon M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the Deputys take their Leave of his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and the Board and returne to the house

Then Came from the house of Delegates M<sup>r</sup> Willm Hutchison and Cap<sup>t</sup> Philip Hoskins and desire that M<sup>r</sup> Gregory might be sworne Clark of their house. And accordingly M<sup>r</sup> Gregory was sworne This Board adjourned till munday morning 8 a Clock.