

What of late may have p<sup>r</sup>vented Shippes and consequently  
keep us in the Darke as to the State of our Laws we know  
not, but since wee enjoy the p<sup>r</sup>sent comfort of them and are  
assured they are in the hands of soe Good a prince and patron  
we will sitt downe in hopes of an Answer to our Satisfaction  
being now ready to receive what proposall shalbe sent to us  
from your Ex<sup>cy</sup> and his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council

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The Committee of Elections are sent out.

The answer being so prepared was brought into the house  
and Ordered by M<sup>r</sup> Speaker that Coll<sup>o</sup> Edward Loyd M<sup>r</sup> John  
Salter Coll<sup>o</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Thompson Maj. Edward Dorsey M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Young, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Smith, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Lowe M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Lynes M<sup>r</sup> Rob-  
ert Bradley George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> John Ffrancklyn and M<sup>r</sup>  
Jn<sup>o</sup> Lecompt carry the same to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> in Council.

Who Returne and say they have delivered their Messuage.

By the house of Delegates May the 9<sup>th</sup> 1701

Whereas M<sup>r</sup> James Round a member elected to serve in this  
house for Somersett County is lately deceased these are there-  
fore to require you to Issue out a new writt for Election to the  
Sheriff of the said County to Elect and choose one good and law-  
full man to serve in his place this present Assembly and this  
shalbe yo<sup>r</sup> Warr<sup>t</sup>

To the Honble W Bladen                      Tho. Smithson Speaker  
his Maty<sup>s</sup> Secretary of Maryl<sup>d</sup>

Ordered that the same be delivered to the Honble Sec<sup>ry</sup>

The honble Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> Tho: Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> James  
ffrisby Esq<sup>r</sup> and Coll<sup>o</sup> John Hammond Enters the house and  
delivers the following Message to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker viz<sup>t</sup>

By the Council in Assembly May 9<sup>th</sup> 1701

Gent.

It seems to us the most important Service this sessions will  
be capable of is the Due consideration and serious reflection  
we ought to make of the p<sup>r</sup>sent State and condicon of our  
Laws sent home for England the last Assembly and now as  
we are informed by the R<sup>t</sup> Honble L<sup>ds</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> of trade and  
forreigne plantacōns Lyeing before his Maty<sup>s</sup> Attorney and  
Sollicitor Gen<sup>l</sup> not as yett certaine w<sup>t</sup> Determinacōn they may  
fall under from his most Sacred Mat<sup>y</sup> in Reguard of some ap-  
parent inconveniencyes especially in the Law Entitled an Act  
for repealeing certaine Laws in this province and confirmeing  
others wherein we are doubtfull to have made the same un-