

- P. R. O. A verball message sent his Ex<sup>cy</sup> & Council by Maj<sup>r</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Smith Coll<sup>l</sup> John Thompson M<sup>r</sup> John Wight M<sup>r</sup> Richard Tilghman to acquaint his Ex<sup>cy</sup> that the house is mett according to Prorogation but cannot proceed for want of a Clerk  
fo. 2 They Return and say they have delivered their message

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council in Assembly  
Aprill 26<sup>th</sup> 1700

Gent Understanding by your verball Message by Maj<sup>r</sup> Thomas Smith and three other of your Members that your house is mett according to Proclamation of Prorogation to this day, and that you desire to be appointed you a Clerk, his Ex<sup>cy</sup> is Pleased to leave it to your house to nominate such Clerke and Present him to him for his Approbation, no one having as yett addressed his Ex<sup>cy</sup> for that office

Signed p Order

W. Bladen Clk Council

Orderd that Capt Rich<sup>d</sup> Hill M<sup>r</sup> James Saunders M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hicks, Maj<sup>r</sup> James Smallwood, Capt Phillip Hoskins, M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Hall and Coll<sup>l</sup> Ninian Beale goe to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and carry the verball message following:—

Being required to signify to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> that W<sup>m</sup> Taylard a member of this house tenders his Service in the Office of a Clerke of this house if his Ex<sup>cy</sup> shall approve thereof and Grant him Commission for the same

They returne and say they have delivered their message.

Coll. Hutchins and Coll. Jno Addison enters the house and delivers the following message

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council in Assembly  
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Since the house have offered M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Taylard to be their Clerke his Ex<sup>cy</sup> is pleased to say that he does approve of him to be a fitt and qualified pson for the Execution of that Office and if the house will dispence with his Service is willing to Commissionate him

Signed p Order

W. Bladen Clk Council

- fo. 3 Ordered that M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hutchinson M<sup>r</sup> James Saunders M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Young M<sup>r</sup> Benj Hall and M<sup>r</sup> John Leech go and acquaint his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Council that they willingly dispence with his Service as a Member and prayd his Ex<sup>cy</sup> would grant him Commission to officiate the office of Clerke of this house.