

Country is at p^resent utterly destitute of Money to pay the Soldiers now in _____ for the defence of this Province. M^r Thomas Tasker one of the members of this house Offers to lend for the Service of this Countrey One or two hundred pounds Sterl: as need shall require, for the loane whereby vntill he shall be enabled to Reimburse himself out of the Countrey Treasury he is to be allowed Eight pounds p Cent And the said sume is to be called for by his Ex^{nc}y of the said M^r Tasker & applyed their Ma^{ts} Service, in such manner as to his Ex^{nc}y in his Wisdom shall seem fit.

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Signed p Ord^r W Bladen Clk Assembly.

Thursday May 9th 1695.

Councill again Mett & Sate and were present as Yesterday. Came M^r Boothby & Maj^r Smallwood from the house of Burgesses who Signified that the house had understood his Ex^{ncies} being dissatisfied with the Proceedings of Clayborn Lomax their p^resent Clerk, therefor had by a vote of their house made Choice of M^r William Bladen to Officiate in his stead, and were sent to Request his Ex^{ncies} approbation of the said Choice, who accordingly was admitted and approved off, and (being present in Councill) had administred vnto him the Oathes appointed by act of parliam^t to be taken instead of the Oathes of Allegiance & Supremacy as also the usuall Oath of Clerk of that house and Subscribed to the Test.

Ordered that Comission be prepared to pass the Broad Seal Accordingly.

Brought from the house of Burgesses by M^r Tasker & Maj^r Maxwell the following Message Viz^t

By the Burgesses of Assembly May 9th 1695.

Whereas the sad report of the death of her sacred Ma^{ty} Queen Mary fell under the Consideracōn of this house, it does appear that his Ex^{nc}y the Govern^r and many private persons wthin this Province have Lett^{rs} expressing & affirming the same for truth, This house therefore to take of all Occasions, Scandols or Reflections w^{ch} may be cast upon the Service enjoyned by the Church of England by the adversaries thereof have thought fit that her late Ma^{ts} name be omitted in publick prayers, And further it is by the house considered, that (upon so great a loss) Wee can do no less than with great grief condole the Same, therefore do humbly Request his Ex^{nc}y will be pleased to joyne wth this house in setting a part a Solemn day of humiliation for that Service.

Signed p Ord^r W Bladen Clk Assembly.