

Original Journal. John Hammond, Mr John pollard, Major Edw<sup>d</sup> Dorsey and Mr Francis Jenkins be a Committee appointed to sitt at Mr Blackwells and consider of the af<sup>t</sup> proposalls to examine what is convenient to [be done therein,] to discourse Col: Herman what he req[uires for doing thereof,] and to make their Report to the house by [ten a clocke to-morrow] morning.

Also Resolved that the s<sup>d</sup> [Committee give notice] to the Councill when they sitt.

The House [is adj] [a clock] to morrow morning.

Fryday M[ay the 1<sup>st</sup>] 1696.

The house being mett and called over, Mr Watson, Cap<sup>t</sup> Waughop Mr Mason Cap<sup>t</sup> Bayne Col: Hanson Mr Lingham Mr Hutchins Major Dent Mr Hutchison, Mr Boothby Major Maxwell, Mr Robert Smith Major Ennalls, Mr Bosman Mr Scarborough and Col. Codd, were absent.

Mr Bosman sending word to the house by one of the members thereof that his Wife was like to dye, so that he cannot well leave her, his Absence is excused.

Severall Members of this house alleading Mr Robert Smith lyes dangerous ill of the Gripes, his Absence is excused.

Major John Thompson and Mr Philip Clarke sent to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill to desire some of that Board may be sent to this house to administer the Oathes usually taken by the members of this house unto Mr William Helmsley lately chosen a Deputy for Talbott County.

Thomas Martin of Talbott County planter appearing before the house in Custody of the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Arms, The said Martin having yesterday been publicly drunke and debauched by swearing & the like in the face of the whole Country Viz<sup>t</sup> in view of all or most of the members of this house.

Put to the Question in what s<sup>u</sup>me the said Martin shall be censured therefore, Carried by Majority of Voices in the s<sup>u</sup>me of twenty shillings Sterl.

p. 6 Ordered that the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Arms attending this house have twenty shill sterl from the s<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Martin as his fee for keeping him in Custody twenty four hours.

Ordered the Serj<sup>t</sup> at Arms attending this house take into his Custody the [sev<sup>r</sup>all members] of this house which are actually [in Towne and have not] yet appeared in the house so that [we have them imm]ediately before the house that they may [shew cause why] they have not attended.

Mr. Robert Mason [enters the house]

Major Thomas Ennalls [sent in] his Excuse to this house by two of the Members thereof and signifying his readiness