

Read over several References and proposalls in order to u. H. J. be laid before the House which were approved of

It being signified from this Board to the House that the severall Arms &c sent for out of England were now arrived within this port therefore willed them to pitch upon some House at present where they thought most convenient to Lodge the same

In answer whereto the House send Captain Thomas Tasker to acquaint his Excellency that they have agreed to Lodge the same in Major Dorseys House for the Present therefore prayed that the Account of the said Arms &c from Captain Pagan sent in might be sent to the House for their perusal which accordingly was delivered together with four Indentures for new Burgesses elected

The honble Col<sup>o</sup> John Addison and Thomas Brooke came and were added

September 18<sup>th</sup> 1696 The Council again Sate and were Present as yesterday

This Board being acquainted from the House that they had received Indentures for the Election of four new Burgesses and did humbly desire his Excellency would send some of his Majestys honourable Council to swear the said members now returned his Excellency was pleased to return for answer by the Clerk of the Council that he understood that M<sup>r</sup> John Cood one of the said new members was a Priest and therefore not qualified by Law to set in that House.

Brought from the House of Burgesses the following Message Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the House of Burgesses September 18<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Your Excellency having made this House acquainted by the Clerk of the Council that Lieutenant Col<sup>o</sup> John Cood is a priest and therefore by Law uncapable of sitting in this House thereupon we humbly acquaint your Excellency that we find the said Lieutenant Col<sup>o</sup> John Cood is a member of this House duly Elected that he hath sate in the General Assemblies of this province for almost twenty years together that he has had also several Commissions as well from the Lord Baltimore as his present Sacred Majesty for the Executing and Exercising both Judicial and Ministerial Offices as other his Majestys Subjects Laymen have Accustomed to do we humbly conceive our Selves proper Judges of our own members and therefore have resolved that the said John Cood is Legally qualified to sit as a member of this House

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly.