

The which being read, Ordered the following Message be L. H. J. sent to the hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill.

By the house of Burgesses Sept<sup>r</sup> the 21<sup>st</sup> 1696

The house before sending the last message in relation to Col: Cood did examine as well of his Qualification to Sett as of the dueness of his Election, and it did appear to us that he was not only duly elected but also legally qualified to set as a member of this house, notwithstanding what was alledged. Therefore humbly pray as in our former Message we have prayed.

Signed p ord<sup>r</sup> W Bladen Clk: Assembly

Sent p Cap<sup>t</sup> Hoskins and M<sup>r</sup> Ashman who are ordered to present Col. Cood.

Coll Cood offers to depose that he is not a priest

House adjourned till to morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Tuesday Sept<sup>r</sup> the 22<sup>d</sup> 1696.

House met: The hon<sup>ble</sup> Col. Hutchins, Col. Addison, Tho<sup>s</sup> Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> and James Frisby Esq<sup>r</sup> come downe to the house and signifye that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> requests their attendance imediately at the Councill Chamber, whereupon M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the rest of the members adjourned themselves to the Councill chamber to attend upon his Ex<sup>cy</sup> where being admitted his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the House of Burgesses, that he was sorry to send for them upon this occasion (to witt) that they should persist to Have M<sup>r</sup> John Cood sworne a member of their house.

That they would not suffer any vote of the [House to stand in] opposition to an Act of Parliament the Kingdom of England.

That he was s<sup>d</sup> Coo<sup>d</sup>e for the af<sup>d</sup> reason

But be better informed what a sorte of wicked and p<sup>r</sup>son they had spent much tyme and run the country to so much charge in endeavouring to uphold, he delivered unto them severall depositions by which the said Cood appeared to be guilty in the highest degree of Blaspheming the holy Trinity.

After which his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to tell the house, if they would proceed to do the Countrys business on which they were sent he would with his Mat<sup>ys</sup> Councill attend thereon, and pray'd God to direct them.

Whereupon M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the rest of the members take leave and departe to the house