Ordered that the address to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> for repealing Severall <span style="font-variant: small-caps">Original</span> Laws for Impositions be entered upon the Journalls of this <span style="font-variant: small-caps">Journal.</span> house.

The Reporte of the Comittee about the Church and the free school, read, and also the Tobaccoe due from Cap<sup>t</sup> William Holland, this house is of the same opinion they were last sessions.

Then came down the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench Esq. and Col: J° Addison who bring down the Bills sent up yesterday and Severall Messages and proposalls in writeing viz<sup>t</sup>                    p. 184

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Governour and Councill in Assembly
March 23<sup>d</sup> 1697/8.

Upon the again reading the Message of the house of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant relating to the Indians and the Comittee's reporte there abouts, his Ex<sup>cy</sup> is pleased in returne to answer that he gives the house thanks for theire good opinion of him and hopes they shall never have reason to say that either himself or any of his Maty<sup>s</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill will ever put the province to the least unnecessary Charge more than what is needfull both for his Matty<sup>s</sup> honour and Service and for the Safety and well-fare of the Country.
Signed ᵽ order.   Hen: Denton Clk: Councill.

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Councill in Assembly
March the 23<sup>d</sup> 1697/8.

Upon reading M<sup>r</sup> Masons Letter, this day sent from the house by M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hutchison and others this board do not find that he hath returned any acc<sup>t</sup> but what was before Exhibited and sworne to last assembly.

Therefore see a necessity that the said Mason be sent to by reason it is thought fitt that all the publick acc<sup>ts</sup> be now settled before the breaking up of the Assembly (Reflections being made in England how the public money is disposed of) and if the said M<sup>r</sup> Mason is not able to discharge his duty of Treasurer that then some other person be appointed in his Stead.
Signed ᵽ order.   Hen: Denton Clk: Councill

Upon Reading which Message Resolved the following answer be sent Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of Delegates March the 24<sup>th</sup> 1697/8.

This house is allready Satisfied with the returne which M<sup>r</sup> Mason has made being very sensible that he has not made