

Original Journal. Whereupon this Board do advise and are of Opinion that forasmuch as Wee have no Advice of any more Shipps from Europe intended hither untill Octob. next (Cap<sup>t</sup> Harbin the last Expected being arrived) by which such Letters might come, the meeting of the Assembly should not be deferred; but that it is absolutely expedient they sitt upon the 26<sup>th</sup> Instant according to prorogation.

Which s<sup>d</sup> proceedings of his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in Council were well approved of by this Board.

Came from the House Colonel John Thompson L<sup>t</sup> Colonel p. 6 Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Tilghman and M<sup>r</sup> Wight Who acquaint his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> that the house is mett according to proclamation of prorogation to this Day, and desire his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> will be pleased to appoint them a Clarke.

Whereupon the following Message was sent to the house by the honb<sup>le</sup> Colonel Jowles and Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup>

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> and Council in Assembly  
April the 26<sup>th</sup> 1700.

Gent<sup>n</sup> Understanding by Your Verbal Message by Major Thomas Smith and three others of Your Members that Your House is mett according to proclamation of prorogation to this Day, and that you desire a Clarke to be appointed you; His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to leave it to your house to nominate such Clarke and present him to him for his Approbacon no one having as yett addressed his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> for that Office.

Signed p ord<sup>r</sup> W Bladen Cl. Concil:

Came Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Hill M<sup>r</sup> James Sanders and four other Members Who Returne the Thanks of the house to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> for his great Condescension, and acquaint him that the House are very desirous to have M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Taylard one of their Members to be their Clarke if his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> be pleased to Assent thercto.

In Answer to which was sent by Colonel Charles Hutchins and Colonel Addison viz<sup>t</sup>

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April 26<sup>th</sup> 1700

p. 7 Since the House have offered M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Taylard to be their Clarke His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to Say that he does approve of him to be a fitt & qualified pson for the execution of that