

the Care of the Chief Officers if your Excellency shall be pleased to approve thereof.

Signed p Order W Taylard Cl. Ho. Del.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning 7 o'clock.

Saturday 5th April 1707. The House met according to Adjournment Being called over were present as yesterday. Read what was done yesterday

The Petition of Cecil County Delegates being read Resolved a Town be erected as prayed for. Thomas Tench and James Sanders Esq^{rs} Col^o Holland and Col^o Jenkins enter the House and delivers M^r Speaker the following Message directed To the Honourable House of Delegates. Ordered to be entered as followeth

Gentlemen, I take your Address very kindly and am and shall be always glad that I have or may do the Province any Service in General or yourselves in particular. Being Gentlemen
Your Friend and Servant, John Seymour.

Col^o Hammond, Col^o Lloyd, Col^o Jenkins and Col^o Ennalls enter the House and deliver M^r Speaker the following Message

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly. p. 121

The House's Message in advising proportional Parts of the publick Arms and Ammunition to the several Counties and committed to the Care of the Chief Officers of the Militia in the said Counties has been read, and in Reply thereto we acquaint you, that the publick Arms & Ammunition are purchased out of the Quarter Part of her Majesty's Revenue of the 12^d p Hhd. granted by her Majesty for the Defence of this Province, and that altho' it be sometimes necessary for the immediate Safety and Defence thereof that some small Quantity of Arms and Ammunition may be lodged in the several Counties to be made use of by such who are not able to procure Arms at their own Cost (as required by the Act of Assembly for regulating the Militia) at the Chief Officer's Discretion upon a sudden Invasion or Incursion; yet in Regard a strict Account of the said Arms & Ammunition purchased with the 3^d p Hhd is expected to be given by the Government here is answerable therefor; and that it has been found by Experience the small Quantities of Arms and Ammunition heretofore lodged in the several Counties have been misused, spoiled, and lost, so that the greatest Part thereof are unfixt and consumed or rendered altogether useless. We