

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly
26 April 1700

U. H. J.
Liber No. 34
May 24

Since the house have offered M^r William Taylard to be their Clerk his Excellency is Pleased to say that he does approve of him to be a fit & qualified Person for the Execution of that Office and if the house will dispence with his Service in Regard of his being one of their Members he is willing to Commissionate him.

Signed p Order W : Bladen Ct. Coun.

Then came M^r William Hutchinson with four more of the Delegates & say the House Return their hearty Thanks to his Excellency for his Condescension and signify the houses willingness to dispence with the Service of their Member and Intreate his Excellency to Commissionate him to be their Clerk

M^r William Taylard sworn Clerk of the house of Delegates took the Oaths Subscribed the Test and Association

In May Assembly 1701 Came M^r Samuel Young and M^r George Muschamp from the house who present M^r William Taylard to his Excellency desiring he may be Commissionated Clerk of their house, which his Excellency is Pleased to Approve of.

Accordingly the same M^r Taylard took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oath of Clerk of the house of Delegates, likewise subscribed the Test & Association

In September Assembly 1704 Lieu^t Col. James Maxwell and Major Greenberry came with M^r William Taylard whom they Present to his Excellency from the house as chosen to be their Clerk. His Excellency was pleased to admitt thereof and accordingly M^r Taylard was sworn in the Presence of the said Members. p. 286

In September Assembly 1708. Came from the Lower house M^r Wornal Hunt and M^r Matthias Vanderheyden together with M^r Richard Dallam and M^r Hunt says that their house made Choice of M^r Richard Dallam to be their Clerk humbly [praying] that his Excellency and this honourable Board will be pleased to swear & Admit him as such to whom his Excellency was pleased to say that he would Consider further of it.

Kenelmn Cheseldine Esq^r was sent to acquaint the house of Delegates that his Excellency and this Board would have their Message Relating to M^r Dallam Reduced into Writing

M^r Hunt & M^r Vanderheyden enter the Council and Deliver to his Excellency in writing the following Message Viz. By the house of Delegates 28 September 1708

This house humbly Recommend Richard Dallam to his Excellency for his approbation to be their Clerk

Thomas Smithson Speaker