

Maryland &c.

Porte of Annapolis Sept: the 16th 1696.

Be it Remembered that whereas the Gen^l Assembly of this Province upon ye tenth day of July last the Oath of our Sovereigne Lords was prorogued untill ye 16th Instant. and according to the said prorogation they did appear in the House the following Members viz-

Item Cheselayne Speaker of the House, Col. John Hutchinson, Col. John Haymond, Major Thomas Smith Major Edward Dorsey, Mr. James Saunders, Mr. Francis Tasker, Mr. James Crawford, Major James Smallwood, Mr. Henry Hawkins, Mr. William Kuchifor, Mr. John Ashman, Mr. John Fry, Col. Minian Beale, Mr. William Hutton.

The house adjourned till 3 of ye Clock to morrow afternoon.

Thursday Sept: the 17th 1696.

House met - appearing therein the following Members, viz. Mr. Speaker, Col. Hinson, Major Smith, Major Hammond, Major Dorsey, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Tasker, Major Smallwood, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Ashman, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Scarborough, Mr. Bosman, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Hicks, Col. Beale, and Mr. Hutton.

House adjourns till to morrow Morning at 7 of ye Clock

Friday Sept: the 18th 1696.

House met - Mr. John Hall, Col. John Coode, Capt. Philip & Hopkins, Major Walter Smith, and Mr. Mrs. Consey appearing in this house and by the Reporte of the Committee of Elections & Priviledges being Represented to this house as Members duly elected to serve for their severall Counties of Battenow, St. Marys, Charles, Calvert, and Talbot.

Mr. Page sent to his Excell^{ty} the Gov: to acquaint him severall Gent^l appear in the house as Representatives for their severall Counties, and this house desire his Excell^{ty} will be pleased to send former of his Ma^{ty} Hon^{ble} Councill to administer unto them the Oaths appointed by act of Assembly and of the Oaths of Allegiance and Teste.

Mr. Henry Denton Clarke of the Hon^{ble} Councill came downe to the house and say that his Excell^{ty} Comanded him to acquaint the house that Col. Coode one of the Members desired to be sworn is a priest and therefore incapable of sitting in the House of Assembly.

Whereupon Resolved unanimously the following. Mr. Page be sent to his Excell^{ty}

By the House of Burgesses Sept: the 18th 1696.