

Two Catalogues or Lists of Books for the several Parishes

The Boston News and James Hughs Information about the Puritan lately came up the Bay and I tell about the same

Captain Pellus letter and another from his Purser about his bringing Mr Plakes Account of publick Arms &c sent on by Captain Peter Pagan Ordered that to morrow being the 17th Instant be brought to be kept Holy by the General Assembly within this port for a day of publick thanksgiving for his Majestys safe deliverance and Prosperity September 17th 1696 In the afternoon

The Council again sat and were Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General

Sir Thomas Laurence Baronet Secretary Col George Robotham
The Honble Col Mich Greenberry Col Charles Hutchinson Col David Bromme
James Freely Esq

Read over several References and proposals in order to be laid before the House which were approved of

It being signified from this Board to the House that the several Arms &c sent for out of England were now arrived within this port therefore willed them to pitch upon some House at present where they thought most convenient to lodge the same

In answer where to the House and Captain Thomas Taker to acquaint his Excellency that they have agreed to lodge the same in Major Doreys House for the Present therefore prayed that the Account of the said Arms &c from Captain Pagan sent in might be sent to the House for their perusal which accordingly was delivered together with four Indentures for new Burgesses elected

The Honble Col John Addison and Thomas Brooke came and were received
September 18th 1696 The Council again sat and were Present as yesterday

This Board being acquainted from the House that they had received Indentures for the Election of four new Burgesses and did humbly desire his Excellency would send some of his Majestys honourable Council to view the said members now returned his Excellency was pleased to return for answer by the Clerk of the Council that he understood that Mr John Cood one of the said new members was a Priest and therefore not qualified by law to sit in that House

Brought from the House of Burgesses the following message viz

By the House of Burgesses September 18th 1696

Your Excellency having made this House acquainted by the Clerk of the Council that Lieutenant Col John Cood ^{is a Priest} and therefore by Law incapable of sitting in this House thereupon we humbly acquaint your Excellency that we find the said Lieutenant Col John Cood is a member of this House duly Elected that he hath sat in the General Assemblies of this Province for almost twenty years together that he has had also several Commissions as well from the Lord Baltimore as his present Sacred Majesty for the executing and Exercising both Judicial and Ministerial Offices as other his Majestys Subjects laymen have accustomed to do we humbly conceive our selves proper Judges of our own members and therefore have resolved that the said John Cood is Legally qualified to sit as a member of this House

Signed by Order W Bladen Clk of Assembly

Order that an Answer for the same be drawn up which was drawn as follows

By his Excellency the Governor and Council &c September 18th 1696

The Houses Message in relation to Mr John Cood was received and here read and it is admired how the House that sits by the Kings Commission cannot this time a day bring any President for matters in my Lord Baltimores