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The following Persons being returnd as Members of the house Pursuant to a Precept from his Excellency the Governr. & his Majts: hono:blc: Council Met at the house of Coll° Michael Brewton, viz:

Collo: Thos: Broughton
John Lloyd Esqr.
Capt. Willm Dry
Mr. Eleazer Allen
Mr Saml. Eveleigh
Mr. Wm: Rhett
Benja: Whitaker Esqr
Mr Thos: Howard
Mr Tobias Fitch
Mr John Parker
Capt: Natha Broughton
Mr John Ashby
Coll° Arthur Hall
Mr Wm: Cattle.

Coll° George Chicken & Coll° Arthur Hall were desir'd to wait on his Excellcy: & acquaint him, that the Majority of the Members Elected were met pursuant to the several Precepts Issued by his Excellcy the Governr & his Majts: hono:blc: Council & waited to kno' his Excellcy's Pleasure & those Gen: being returnd inform'd the members that His Excellcy: said he would order them to attend as soon as a Sufficient Number of his Majts. Council were met.

Mr. Secretary Hart acquainted the members that his Excellcy: requird their Attendance in the Council Chamber in Order to take the State Oaths.

The Members waited on his Excellcy: the Governr pursuant to the s4 Message, & being returnd they took the usual oaths of qualification directed by the Election Act & then they unanimously made choice of the hono:blc: Thomas Broughton Esqr: for Speaker who took the Chair According.

Coll°. Chicken & Coll° Hall were ordered to wait on his Excellcy: & to Acquaint him that the Members had made choice of a Speaker.
Mr. Secretary Hart informd the house, that his Excellency the Governour was ready to receive the Speaker, the house then Pitcht upon Colls George Chicken & Colls John Fenwicke to present the Speaker to the Govern'r. The Speaker & the whole house waited on the Govern'r; & being return'd the house proceeded to the choice of their officers and William Blakewey Esq. was chosen Clerk with the usual Allowance he had when Clerk of the Last Com'ons house of Assembly. And Mr. John Brown was chosen Messenger also with the usual Allowance he had as Messenger of the last Com'ons house of Assembly.

The house adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock

Wednesday the 24th: day of Febru: 1724

The house met according to adjourn'd.

The Speaker acquainting the house that he Expected his Excellency; the Govern'r would send for the house very soon he layd before them the following request he design'd to make the Govern'r and desired the Opinion of the house thereupon May it Please your Excellency:

Since the Commons house of Assembly have done me the hon'r to choose me their Speaker; and it has met with your Excellency Approbation I desire that According to the Ancient rights & Privilidges of the house of Commons of Great Brittain & of the Com'ons house of Assembly of this Province, that your Excellency: will allow the Members freedom of Debate. Access to your Excellency: Person as often as it is necessary, and if any of the Business of the house is by me misrepresented that you'll be pleas'd to excuse it & give leave to Correct the Same & that the Members their Servants & Attendants may be free from Arests.

The house having considered the same agreed that the Speaker deliver it to the Govern'r: when he's pleased to make his Speech. Cap't Dry & Walter Izard Esq. were order'd to wait on his Excellency, & desire to know whither the officers of this house should wait on him to take the State Oaths or if his Excellency: would be pleas'd to appoint any Gent of his Maj's. Council to quallifie them, & being return'd they informd the house that the Govern'r said they might attend to take the State Oaths in the Council Chamber when the house went up.

Mr. Secretary Hart from his Excellency informd the house that he requir'd their Attendance immediately in the Council Chamber.
The Speaker & the whole house waited on the Govern'r and being return'd, the Speaker inform'd the house that his Excell'cy. had been Plead' to make a Speech to them, wch, for fear of Mistakes he had obtain'd a Copy of and laid the same before the house which was order'd to be read & is as follows.

Mr. Speaker & Gen'l of the Com'ons house of Assembly

I hope that God Almighty will be pleased to bless this Assembly with success in all our undertakeings, that it may be for his Glory & for the Prosperity & welfare of those Two Inseperables his Majesties Interest & Service & that of this his Majts Province. I am very much Encourag'd to hope for these things, because you have so willingly & readily qualifi'd your selves, by taking the Oaths &c.: & after that by unanimously choosing the hono'ble: Coll° Thomas Broughton to be your Speaker, a Gentleman who is very well qualifi'd in all respects for that great & hono'ble Place.

Hono'ble: Gen'l.

I do most cordially & Earnestly recom'end to you a good agreem't & a quick dispatch of what I now recom'end to you (viz't) the Tax law & I have already given orders to Coll° Alexand'r Parris to have all his Accounts ready to lay before you. I have receiv'd his Maj'ts royal Com'ands in Council concerning our paper Money. The Petition's against the s'd. Paper Money have I think accus'd all the late Assembly and I herewith give the hono'ble: Mr. Speaker his Maj'ts. said order in Council In my opinion this is an Affair of the last Consequence. in all respects. concerning the Two aforesaid Inseperables. Therefore I do most heartily recom'end it to your most Serious Consideration

Hono'ble Gen'l.

I thank God that I never had nor hope shall not have any thing in view, but endeavour to do my duty to God Almighty his Majesty, and then to do all I am Capable for the Interest. Welfare & Prosperity of this his Maj'ts Province of wch: I have the hon' to be Govern'r.

I herewith give the hono'ble: Mr Speaker an Attested Copy of His Maj'ts: royal Lycence for my going to Great Brittain & after please God shall arrive there to stay Six months in which time I Shall by divine Assistance endeavour to discharge the
Dutys &c aforesaid. I have some other things to recommend to you which shall be sent to you tomorrow by Council Chamber Febr 24th, 1724. Fra: Nicholson

The Clerk & Messenger of this house took the Usual Oaths of their Quallification.

The house adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon

The house adjourned according to adjournment

The Petition of James Akin setting forth that he finds himself return'd by the Church Wardens of st. Thomas & St Dennis Parish to have equal Votes with Mr Michael Darby, the 3d Church Wardens having admitted one Joseph Roper to give his Vote at the Election for the said Parish, that the 3d Roper had voted for Mr Darby and was not legally intitul'd to vote, and therefore prayed that the Merits of the 3d Election might be taken under consideration, and the house having considerd the said Petition resolv'd that the 3d Petition be refer'd to a Com'ittee (Vizt) Benj: Whitaker Esq, Mr Thomas Barton Thomas Hepworth Esq'r, Cap't Henry Nichols, and Cap't Jacob Bond and that the said Com'ittee have power to send for Persons Papers & records and that They report their opinion to this house.

The Church Wardens of the Several Parishes attending; The Messenger was order'd to let them know, it was the Pleasure of the house that They should forthwith make returns of the Members elected in the Parishes for which they are Church Wardens. The Church Wardens of Christ Church, waiting on the house presented their Return & being order'd to withdraw the said return was read, and it appeard that Mr Thomas Barton and Cap't Jacob Bond were Elected for the said Parish. The Church Wardens were again sent for dischargd from further Attendance.

The Church Wardens for St Andrews were also sent for, and it appearing that Mr. William Cattle a Member of this house was one of the said Church Wardens; he laid his Excell:'s Precept, and their return before the house and Mr John Williams the other Church Warden Not being present but having sign'd the said Return. The House read the 3d Return, and it appearing that the 3d William Cattle Mr Henry Toomer & Mr Thomas Heyward were Elected for the 3d parish the said Return was accepted.
John Bell Church Warden of Prince Georges Parish laid before the house his return for the said Parish, and it appearing that Capts Richard Smith and Mr. James Nicholas Mairant are Elected for the said Parish, the said Church Warden was informed that he was discharged from further attendance.

Hugh Bryan laid before the house the return for the Parish of St. Bartholomews, and it appearing that Colls Arthur Hall Mr. John Parker, Capt Joseph Seabrook & Colls John Palmer were Elected for the said Parish the Church Wardens were again sent for & discharged from any farther Attendance.

Colls Joseph Blake & Mr. Thomas Wareing Church Wardens for St. Georges Parish laid before the house the return from St. Georges Parish, and it appearing that Walter Izard Esqr & Capt Wm Sanders are Elected for the said Parish, the said Church Wardens were again sent for & informed they were discharged from any farther attendance.

Thomas Farr & Hugh Hext Church Wardens for St. Pauls Parish, laid before the house their return for the said Parish and it appearing that Colls John Fenwicke Maj. Alexandr Hext, Capt Henry Nichols & Capt John Raven were Elected for the said Parish the Church Wardens were informed they were discharged from any farther attendance.

John Cawood & Francis LeBrasseur Church Wardens for St. Phillips Charles Town laid before the house their return for the srd Parish and it appearing that Mr. Robert Hume, Mr. Saml Eveleigh Mr. Eleazer Allen, Mr. William Rhett & John Loyd Esq. were Elected for the said Parish, the said Church Wardens were acquainted they were discharged from any farther Attendance.

Abraham Sanders Church Warden of St. Johns Parish laid before the house their Return for the said Parish and it appearing that Colls Thos Broughton & Capt Nath Broughton were Elected For the said Parish, and that Danl Hugier Esqr. & Hugh Butler Esqr had equal Votes the said Church Wardens were Acquainted they were discharged from any farther attendance.

Edward Smith Church Warden for Goose creek Parish laid before the house the return for the said Parish & it appearing that Colls George Chicken Colls John Herbert Capt William Dry & Capt Tobias Fitch were Elected for the said Parish, the said Smith was acquainted he was discharged from any farther attendance.
Benja: Whitaker Esqr. from the Com’ittee to whome the Petition of James Akins was referd made the following report.

The Com’ittee appointed by this hono:ble. house, to take under Consideration the Petition of Mr. James Akin are unanimously of opinion that the Examination of the facts allegd in the said Petition will tend to the Destruction of the Freedom of Elections securd to the Inhabitants of this Province by the Act pass’t by the last Assembly.

That for this hono:ble: house to send for Electors to induce them to make a Voluntary Declaration for whome they Voted will be a means to IntroduceFrauds bribery & Corruption against wch: the Act has so wisely provided.

That on Examination of the Church Wardens of the Parish for which the Petitioner stood Candidate, The Com’ittee are informd that there were two votes rolld up together, in the Petitioners hand writeing, and not denyd by him when questioned about it, the Persons named in the said Votes were James Akin, Jonathan Russ & Peter Johnson, an Instance in the opinion of the Com’ittee nothing in favour of the Petitioner.

That the Com’ittee on further enquiring have found that one James Rouse voted without any Legal Qualification so that if the Com’ittee could be induct to think that Roper should be examind, t’would be equal Justice to proceed in the same Manner with, respect to Rouse, both which the Com’ittee concev’d will be Precedents Ill Consequence.

Mr. Secreta’y Hart brought from his Excell’ry & the Council Several Acco’s: of Coll° Parris and other Persons appointed to burn the Current Bills of this Province agreeable to Acts of assembly of this Province.

The house took under Consideration the report of the Com- mittee on James Akin his Petition and Several debates ariseng on the s’d Petition Motion was made that the Church Wardens of St Thomas’s Parish should be orderd to attend the house im’diately wth, their return for the said Parish & Mr. Isaac Lescen and Mr. Sam° Simmons the s’d Church wardens laying their return before the house it appeard that the Hon:ble. Coll° Thomas Broughton Mr. John Ashby were elected for the said Parish & that Mr James Akin and Mr Michael Darby had equal Votes and then withdrew.
The house then resumed the debate on the aforesaid report and after sometime spent therein The Question was Put

Whether Roper should be sent for to this house to inform the house Voluntarily what Persons he voted for at the last Election in the Parish of St Thomas & St Dennis.

Carried in the Negative

The s\textsuperscript{d} Church Wardens were sent for into the house & informed They were discharged from any farther Attendance.

The house being informed that Mr Henry Toomer was without and it appearing upon the Return of the Church Wardens of St Andrews Parish, that the s\textsuperscript{d} Toomer was elected to serve as a member for the s\textsuperscript{d} Parish he was ordered to attend the house and being askt if he would serve as a Member of this house for the said Parish he declared he could not, & then withdrew

Resolved that all the Absent Members be farther Sum\textsuperscript{on}d by the Messenger to attend the Service of this house.

Coll\textsuperscript{o} John Woodward Church Warden of the Parish of St: Helena laid before the house his return for the said Parish and it appeared that Benj\textsuperscript{a} Whitaker Esq\textsuperscript{t}, Tho\textsuperscript{s}: Hepworth Esq\textsuperscript{t} Cap\textsuperscript{t} Joseph Seabrook: and that the s\textsuperscript{d} John Woodward was also elected, and some debates arising on the Vailidity of the s\textsuperscript{d} Return as to the said Coll\textsuperscript{o} John Woodward he was askt why no other Church Warden signd the s\textsuperscript{d}: Return, he then informed the house that there was no other Church Warden Quallifyd, the s\textsuperscript{d}: Return was Recievd

The Honorable: the Speaker being returnd to Serve as a Member for St Johns Parish & also for the Parish of St. Thomas & St Dennis he was pleas'd to declare that he would serve for the Parish of St Thomas & Dennis

The house adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 9 of the Clock.

Thursday the 25\textsuperscript{th}: February 1724.

The house met according to Adjournm\textsuperscript{t}:

The house took under Consideration the Rules & Orders of the house and agreed to Eighteen Rules w\textsuperscript{ch}: were orderd to be engrossed in Parchment to lye always on the Table.

Mr Secretary Hart brought from his Excell\textsuperscript{e}y the Govern\textsuperscript{r} the two following Messages together with Several Aditional Instructions from his Most Sacred Majesty & from their Excell\textsuperscript{e}ys: the
Lords Justices to his Excellency: as also the Address of the Clergy of this Province. Nehemiah Patridges Account of Canada & some Informations Concerning the Indians

Hono[ble], Sr

The paper wch you gave me yesterday concerning your Privileges I most heartily agree wth you concerning them & I hope in God there will never be any Occasion to have any dispute amongst us concerning them for I do assure you that I shall take it as a piece of good fortune, when ever I can be any ways in the least Serviceable by the way of Privilidge or otherwise to your hon[ble]: house in General, or to any of the Members, and in particular to your self, for upon Notice thereof It shall be most Cordially & readily complyd wth: by

Fra: Nicholson

Hono[ble], Sr

It is a very great Satisfaction to me to see your self & the rest of the hono[ble]. Members to go to Church yesterday in that solemn & orderly way & when you agree upon times that you would go to Church the Rever[d]: Mr Garden will attend you he being Spoke to for his so doing by

To The Speaker of the

hon[ble] Com'ons house of Assembly

Mr. Speaker & Gen[t]

I do most heartily & Earnestly recommend to you the Petition of the Rever[d]: the Clergy wch: I herewith send you

Hono[ble]: Gen[t]:

I herewith send you one of his Majes Royal additional Instructions concerning the Rever[d] the Clergy & the School Master with a Letter from the Right hon[ble]: Lord Cartaret dated White hall 3rd day of Decr: 1721 and I likewise send you one of his Majes. Royal additional Instructions concerning Trade & Navigation &c: dated the 1st: day of June 1722

An Instruction from their Excellcy the Lords Justices Concerning Private Acts. wth: a Letter from the Hono[ble] Charles Delafay their Excellcy's Principal Secretary dated Augst. 3rd 1723.

I refer you to the Copyys of my Instructions wch I sent to the late Com'ons house of Assembly, all wch: Instructions I do most Cordially recommend to you to observe. The Affair Concerning the Indians & Garrison I refer you to the hono[ble]: George Chicken
the Com'ission for Indian affairs This business of the Indians I take to be of very great Consequence both in relation to the Peace & Quiet of this his Maj's Province and the Trade thereof, therefore I do most Cordially recommend it to your most Serious Consideration. Here is one Long who has been several years among the French & Indians & He has wrote a Journal, and I think you will do well to have him before you with his Journal.

I herewith send you Mr. Nehemiah Patridges two Accounts concerning his being in Canada with: two Boston News Papers Concerning an Expedition against their Eastern Indians. I likewise send you Joseph Chambers Account I recommend to you that Publick Notice be given, that all Persons who have any claim upon the Govern't may be oblgd to bring or send them hither well vouch't by the Latter end of next week or before Else they will be post pond till the next Sitting of the Assembly.

Honble: Gent

I have always found the Gentlemen of his Maj's honobl Council to be very Zealous for promoting of those Two Inseperables his Maj's: Interest & Service & that of this his Maj's Province & for the Accomplishment thereof, they have been & are very ready & willing To join with: your house or any Com'ittees thereof, & I hope in God that you will be as ready and willing as they are, so that there may be allways a mutual friends, & neighbourly Correspondence between you with: in my Opinion will be one of the best ways & means to Answer the afores. Inseperables, therefore, Honble: Gent: I do most heartily & earnestly Recomend these affairs to you, & I desire you to beleive that I Shall Contribute what in me lyes for the Accomplishment of these affairs & I hope that Divine providence will direct us all both now & hereafter.

Council Chamber

Fra Nicholson

Feb'y: 25th, 1724

Resolv'd that the following Gent: be a Com'ittee to draw up an address in Answer to the 3d: Speech Viz: Coll'o- John Fenwick, Coll: George Chicken Cap: William Dry Mr Eleazr Allen & Benja., Whitaker Esq.-

Mr: Sec'y: Hart brought from the Council the Petition of the Rector and the Church Wardens of St' Georges Parish, and the Proposal of Wm: Mellichamp for makeing salt in this Province
The house takeing under Consideration his Excellcy's two Messages of this Morning resolvd in answer to that part of the first which relates to going to Prayers to Send the following Message

May it Please yr Excellcy
Since your Excellcy has been so good to Speak to Mr Garden to attend to read Prayers to this house. We have resolvd to go to Church every Wednesday & Fryday at Eleven of the Clock.

This house is highly obligd to your Excellcy: for your kind offer of being serviceable to us in regard to our Privilidges & for the Candid manner in which you Condescend to offer your Friendship to our Speaker and any of Our Members. & We shall endeavour not to be wanting to shew our gratitude to your Excellcy, for the same

Mr. Sect cv. Hart brought from his Excellcy the following Message together with a Map of Wignau

Mr Speaker & Genf
I herewith send to you the Maps & Descriptions of the Rivers Of Cape Fear & Wignau done by Mr. Salton together wth: a List of the Subscribers to that Work, and recom'd them to your Consideration & if you would recieve any farther explanation or Information thereof I suppose you will cause him to attend you

Council Chamber Febr. 25th 1724/  Fra Nicholson

The house read the Several Instructions to the Governour & their Excellcy's: the Lords Justices, brought to the house this Morning by Mr Secretary Hart

The house adjourn'd till Two of the Clock in the afternoon

The house met according to Adjournm't
The house read Nehemiah Patridges Account of Canada and the Information of Joseph Chambers concerning the Chickesaw and Chaetaw Indians

The Petition of the Rector & Church Wardens of St Georges Parish praying leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to sell & dispose of the Present Glebe and to purchase another in the room thereof was read & Considerd & Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the Prayer of the Above Petition

And Cap Izard & Cap Saunders were appointed to bring in the said Bill
The following (genr, were appointed a Com'ittee on Petitions & Accounts (vizr) Thomas Hepworth Esqr. Mr. William Rhett Capr. Jacob Bond Capr. Natha. Broughton & Mr. Thomas Barton Orderd

That Publick Notice be given th': all persons who have any demands on the Publick of this Province do forthwith deliver them to the Clerk in order to be laid before the house before Saturday the 6th. day of next Month that they may be settled & adjusted

Benja: Whitaker Esqr. from the Com'ittee appointed to draw up an Adress. to the Governr. reported the following Adress which was read & agreed to & orderd to be engrosst

To his Excell'cy: Francis Nicholson Esqr. his Majes. Cap'r General & Com'ander in Chief in & over his Majes Province of South Carolina

The Humble Adress of the Commons house of Assembly
May it please your Excell'cy:

This House having taken under Consideration your Excell'cy's Speech, beg leave to assure you of our unfeigned Zeal for the Properity & Welfare of this his Majes: Province which we shall always endeavour to promote. & wch: we may no doubt will be accomplish't by the blessing of God under your Excell'cy's: wise administration. For which purpose we shall unanimously agree as far as in us lies to a ready & Quick dispatch of the Business yr. Excell'cy: has recom'ended to us./

We have likewise taken notice of his Majes: royal Order which your Excell'cy: was pleas'd to deliver relating to the Paper money and the Complaint of the Merchts. & others against you on that Subject

We begg leave to represent to your Excell'cy: that it is the unanimous Opinion of this house that the proceedings of the Late Assembly to wch your Excell'cy: were pleas'd to Consent were designd entirely for the good of this Province as affairs then stood & we doubt not but on a true representation of that Matter The great Regard your Excell'cy had to his Majes. Royal orders will be sufficiently Justify'd

And as your Excell'cy has obtained his Majes: Royal Leave to return to Great Brittain for six Months We Doubt not of yr. Excellencies endeavours for the Service of this Province when It
shall please God you arrive there wth, we are well assur’d of from
the repeated Instances we have had of y’t Excell Ecys. good Inclina-
tions since we have had the happiness of being under y’t. Excell Ecys.
Governmt.

Tho’s Broughton Speak’t.

Coll Hall & Coll Herbert were order’d to wait on the Govern’t
to know when he would be attended by the house wth: their adress.
& being return’d they Accquainted the house, that his Excell Ey
would be ready to receive the house in half an hour.

The Speaker wth: the whole house waited on his Excell Ey with
their adress & being return’d the house took under Considera-
tion the Returns for the Several Parishes & observing there was
a double Return for St. Johns Parish & for St Thomas’s Parish
and that Mr Henry Toomer who was return’d to serve as a
Member for the Parish of st: Andrews had refused to quallifie
came to a Resolution to send the following Message to the Gov-
m’t:

May it Please y’t. Excell Ey:

We observe that by the Returns laid before this house by the
Church Wardens of the Several Parishes that there is a double
return for St Johns Parish & for the Parish of St Thomas & St
Dennis and the Honorable: Thos Broughton Esq’t. being return’d for
St Johns Parish and also for the s’d Parish of St Thomas & St
Dennis We pray your Excell Ey: will be pleas’d to Issue writts for
ELECTING two Members for St. Johns Parish & one for St. Thomas
& St. Dennis. Mr. Henry Toomer who was return’d to serve as a
Member of this house for St. Andrews having refused to Quallifie,
We also desire y’t Excell Ey: will be pleas’d to Issue writts for
ELECTING another Member for the s’d Parish in his Room & it
would be agreeable to this house if your Excell Ey will Direct the
ISSUING the s’d. Writts as soon as possible that we may be a full
house.

Thomas Hepworth Esq’t. & Capt Jacob Bond were directed to
Carry the above Message & the Message relateing to the house
going to Prayers to his Excell Ey: the Govern’t.

The following Gen’t: were appointed a Com’ttee to take under
Consideration all affairs relateing to the Indians, and the Gar-
risons & fortifications of Charlestown & Johnsons fort (vi’t)
Coll George Chicken, Coll John Fenwicke, Capt Wm— Dry.

The Com'ittee for Stateing the Publick Acco's are the foll° Gen° viz° John Loyd Esq°; Mr° Eleazer Allen & Mr° Samuel Eveleigh & for the Powder Receivers acco's: Coll° Arthur Hall Cap° Raven & Cap° Fitch.

Maj° Alexander Hext, & Mr° John Ashby Mr° Robert Hume Mr° John Parker Cap° Henry Nichols, and Mr° Tho° Heyward who were also to inspect into the State of the Magazine, Watch, the Armory & the old Watchhouse in Charles Town.

Resolvd that notwithstanding the Members of this house will be in Com'ittees that they shall all meet at the usual time of Meeting in the Morning & at the usual time of adjournm°.
The house adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock Fryday Morning the 26th: day of Febru. 1724

The house met according to adjournm°:
The house resolv'd to send the following message to the Presid° May it Please yr° hon°:

This house having appointed Several Com'ittees to take under Consideration report the state of Several Affairs Com'itted to their charge desire you'll be pleas'd to appoint some of the Members of his Maj°s. Council to Join our Com'ittees The Gen° of our house appointed on those Com'ittees are herewith Sent to your hon°.

The foregoing Message sent up by Cap° Nath° Broughton and Cap° Izard.

Resolv'd that the Several Com'ittees of this house have Power to send for Persons Papers & Records.

Resolv'd & order'd that the messenger of this house do forthwith take unto his Custody Isaac Legrand Donerville Church Warden of St° James Santee for his Contempt to this house in not making a Return of the Writts for the Election of Members to serve for the aforesaid Parish and for not attending this house at the opening of the Assembly according to the Directions of the Election Act.

Mr° Secretary Hart brought from his Excell° the two following Messages & the Petition of Alexander Trench.
Mr Speaker & Gent

I return you my most hearty thanks for your very kind And obliging address of yesterday & hope in God we shall have a mutual Agreement, not only during this Session but likewise to the End of the Assembly. I desire you to believe that when please God I shall arrive in Great Brittain there shall be nothing wanting that lies in my Power for promoting those Two Inseperables his Majes Interest & that of this his Majes Province, It is a very great Satisfaction to me to find that your address was unanimous wch: gives me great hopes that the Divine Providence will Continue to direct us in all our undertaking for the aforesaid Interests.

I am very glad to find that you have come to a resolution to meet every Morning at 8 aClock & sit till Three in the afternoon This resolve of yours I take to be a very wise one in Several respects & you may be assurd that agreeable thereto it will be readily concur'd wth by his Majes: honble: Council & Council Chamber Febu 27th. 1724. Fra: Nicholson

Mr Speaker & Gent.

In Answer to your Message Just now reciev'd relating to Com'ittees We have appointed the following Members of Our house to join those of yours to proceed to business forthwith viz:

On Indian affairs & Garrisons &c. The honble: Arthur Middleton & Ralph Izard Esq:
On the Public Treasurers Accots: The honble: Wm: Gibbon & James Kinloch Esq:

Council Chamber Febu 28th. 1724/ Ar: Middleton

The humble representation of Alexander Trench was read praying a Com'ittee might be appointed to recieve some proposals from him for bringing over from Europe several People to settle in this Province & the same was refer'd to a Com'ittee.

The house upon Motion taking under Consideration That several sum's of Moneys in the old bills are in the hands of Several Persons; & that the Com'issioners appointed for Stamping
& Exchanging the new bills have refused to exchange the said old bills

Resolv'd That the aforesaid Commissionrs do forthwith report their opinion whether it be agreeable to the Laws of this Province that the said old bills should be Exchang'd.

The house adjourned till tomorrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Saturday the 27th. Febru 1724

The house met according to adjournment.

Capt William Dry one of the Commissionrs for stamping the new bills & Exchanging the old ones laid before this house a Clause in an Act of assembly Entituled an Act for calling in & sinking the Paper bills & the house Considering the same ordered the following Message to be sent to his Excell'cy the Govern'r.

May it Please your Excell'cy & your honrs.

This house having taken under Consideration, a Clause in an Act for calling in & sinking the Paper Bills are of opinion that there is not any thing in the said Law contain'd that prohibits the Commissionrs therein named from Exchanging the old bills although we find they have not continu'd so to do, & We being inform'd that there is still several of the old bills in the hands of Several People of this Province which are not yet Exchang'd we take leave to propose to your Excell'cy: that the time for Exchanging such old bills as are not yet Com'uted may be Limited to the 20th: day of next May & that proper notice may be given thereof

The above Message sent up by Thomas Hepworth Esq: and Capt Henry Nichols

Resolv'd & ordered That Coll John Fenwicke & Mr Eleazer Allen do wait upon Capt George Anson Com'and'r. of his Maj's Ship Scarborough, & acquaint him that this being the first meeting of the Com'ons house of Assembly since his arrival in this Province they are Com'anded by the house to Congratulate him upon it & and to assure him of the Grateful Sense they entertain of his Maj's great Goodness in ordering one of His ships under the Com'and of a Gent of so distinguished a Character to protect the Trade of this Province, and that they will improve all opportunities of Cultivating & Preserving a good understanding with him.
Mr. Secretary Hart brought from his Excellency the Governr the following Message.

Mr. Speaker & Gen:

I have been in dayly hopes of hearing from the honble Francis Yonge Esq. & that we might have the good fortune of knowing from him that the Enumeration of rice was taken off and the bounty continu’d upon Tar & Pitch for Seven years wch good news I hope we may hear before this Sessions is Ended.

I am very glad that you have so very readily orderd so many Com’ittees to join wth his Maj’es honble: Council and they have very cheerfully appointed a Number of them to join with your honble: house, this I take to be another wise method of your Proceedings and I hope in God that the several Com’ittees will agree upon Several ways & Means for the Speedy accomplishing of the affairs com’itted to their charge

Honble, Gent.

I herewith send you several Letters Papers &c. & herewith is a List of them by wch you may see the State of the affairs Mr. Yonges Letter is the last I have had from him & I do most heartily recom’end to you the affair of his two Accounts.

I think we are all very much oblidg to the honble: John Fenwick who is a Member of your house, and he is very capable of giving you a just & full Account of all affairs relateing to this his Maj’es Province of South Carolina. and I think we are likewise oblidg to Cap’t Danl: Green, which you’ll see by his Letter, and he tells me he has Papers concerning what was done in England about rice &c. & is very willing to attend your house or a Com’ittee of them To give a just & full Account of what he knows of those affairs

I do most earnestly recommend to you the affair of the Pilotage of this Place and there might be a good draught made of the Several barrs & harbours and the honble: Cap’t George Anson has promis’d to give all Assistance in that affair being so desired by

A List of Papers &c.:

An Extract of a Letter from Francis Yonge Esq. to the Governr dated London Sept. 27th: 1724

Francis Yonge Esq. his Acco. of Sundrys am. to. £74:11....

Francis Yonge Esq. his Acco. of Sundrys am. to. 105.8.4

Copy of the humb Petition of Francis Yonge Esq. Agent for
the Province of South Carolina to the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Memorial of Francis Yonge Esq. to the Com'issionrs of his Maj'es, CUSTOMES,

Copy of John Fenwickes Letter to Mr. Walker
Copy of the Representation of John Fenwicke to Kingsmil Eyre Esq. .
Copy of Dan'l Greens Letter to the Governr, dated London Febr 11th, 1724

The Letter from Francis Yonge Esq. to his Excellency, the Governr was read & Com'itted & also Two Acco's. of the s'd Francis Yonge

Mr. Yonges Petition to his most sacred Majesty & his Memorial to the hon'ble: Com'issioners of his Maj'es Customes was read,

Coll° Fenwickes Letter to Mr. Walker one of the Com'issionrs of the Customes was also read

The representation of John Fenwicke to Kingsmil Eyre Esq. was also read.

Mr Secretary Hart brought from his Excellency: the Governr the following Message

Mr Speaker & Gen'l

In Answer to your Message just now rec'd concerning bills I can no ways consent to it, because I think the Clause in the law is positive that the old bills should not pass after the Time therein Mention'd and I have sent Copys & Duplicates of all the Accounts & papers relateing thereto to the Right hon'ble: the Lords of Trade & Plantations, and tis very Surprizeing to me that any Person or Persons should have any of the old bills by them, when publick notice was given by Proclamation agreeable to the said Law. I kno of no way to remedy them but by Petitioning his royal Majesty who is the true fountain of Justice & Mercy in this & all other his Dom'inions

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The house having read a Letter from Coll° John Fenwicke whilst he was in Great Brittain to Mr. Walker one of the Com'issionrs of his Majesties Customes, & also a representation of the said Coll° Fenwicke deliverd to Kingsmil Eyre Esq. setting forth the reasons for makeing Port royal river a port of
Entry, and the house takeing under Consideration the great & Indefatigable Pains taken by the said Coll o Fenwicke for the Service of this Province

Resolv'd

That the thanks of the house be given to Coll o Fenwicke a Member of this house for the great & Indefatigable pains he took in Great Brittain for the Service of this Province

And the Speaker returnnd the Thanks of the house to the said Coll o Fenwicke accordingly

The house adjournd till Monday the 1st. day of March 1724.

Monday the 1st: day of March 1724

The house met according to adjournment

The house rec'd a Letter from Mr Isaac LeGrand Excusing himself for not waiting on the house with the return for the Parish of Santee & enclosing the No. of votes against each Candidates Name the house ordering the s d: Letter to be read

Ordered that the s d: Letter & Paper containing the Number of votes do lye upon the Table.

The house adjournd till Tomorrow Morning 8 of the Clock

Tuesday the 2d day of March 1724

The house met according to adjournment

The Petition of Charlesworth Glover setting forth that the Chickesaw Indians have taken from him a Tuscorora Indian Wench, which he hath had upwards of Eight years. & Humbly Praying that some Method may be propose! to oblige the s d: Nation to return the said Indian Wench; and the same was referd to the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs

The Petition of the Rever d: William Guy rector of St: ANDrews Parish, setting forth that having leave from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to go to Great Brittain for the recovery of his health and that by the Act for advanceing the Sallerys of the Clergy he will be absolutely debarrd of his Sallery during his absence. & praying that his wife may be paid his sallery during his Absence. the same was referd to the Com'ittee of Petitions.

Thomas Hepworth Esq r: informing the house that it was absolutely necessary that the Jury should be compleated & moving
that a Message might be sent to the Govern'r. praying his Excell'y to give orders to the Several Captains of Companys in this Province to return a compleat Muster roll, & that his Excell'y: will be pleas'd to lay the same before this house.

May it please your Excell'y:

The house being informed by the Chief Justice that it is absolutely Necessary to make a new list of Jurors to Serve at the Several Courts of this Province, the Balloting boxes being now very imperfect, and requiring a review & Completion We desire your Excell'y: will be pleas'd to give orders to the Com'ander of the Several Companys in this Province forthwith to return to your Excell'y: a Compleat Muster Roll of their Companys and that you will also be pleas'd to lay them before this house. That the first Boxes may be put in the best order that is possible

Mr. Wm Cattle & Mr. John Ashby were directed to carry the above Message to the Govern'r:

The Several Com'ittees were orderd to proceed on the matters they had in Charge

The house adjourn'd till Tomorrow morning 8 of the Clock.

Wednesday the 3rd day of March 1724

The house met according to adjournmt.

Orderd That the Com'issionrs: appointed by Act of Assembly for signing the Curr'd: bills of this Province do forthwith lay before this house an Exact Account of the am't. of the new bills not Exchanger remaining in their hands.

Mr. William Rhett from the Com'ittee of Petitions & Acco'ts, made the following report which he read in his Place & Deliver'd it in at the Table.

The Com'ittee appointed by this hon'ble. house to Examine Petitions & Accounts having consider'd several matters refer'd to them do Report as follo's:

A Proposal of Wm: Mellichamp for makeing salt in this Province

The Com'ittee having examind the 3d William Mellichamp on the Subject Matter of his Proposal are of Opinion, that the same are feazable & that the 3d Mellichamp is well acquainted with the Manner of makeing salt as it is practisd in Great Brittan, and as the bringing it to perfection in this Province,
would be the greatest benefit to the trade thereof both in respect to a fishery as well as Ocasion a great Consumption of our Provisions abroad.

The Com'ittee are therefore humbly of opinion and propose that a bill may be brought in, to invest the sole Property of making salt in this Province in the undertaker William Mellichamp his heirs & Assignes for such a Term of years as this hon'ble. house shall think proper; and that the s'd Mellichamp shall be obligd in a reasonable time to put in Execution his said Proposals & give proof thereof in such Manner as this house shall direct.

Allext: Trench deliver'd to this Com'ittee his proposals for bringing & Settling in this Province a number of good Industrious Inhabitants from Europe.

The Com'ittee are of Opinion that it much Concerns the Publick Safety & Welfare of this Province that proper encouragem't be given to all persons who are minded to Settle among us & as these proposals of Mr. Trench's are layd before the Com'ittee for That purpose, We have particularly examin'd the s'd: Trench thereon & do humbly Report our Opinion to this Hon'ble: House of the Same.

We think it reasonable that all persons whom the s'd: Trench shall bring Over to Settle in this Province may be exempted from all Publick Taxes for the term of Seven Years (making the roads within their own district only excepted) & that a proper person or persons among them be appointed by his Excell'cy: the Gov'r. or Comand'r: in Chief to Muster & Learn them the use of fire Arms but none of them to be drawn of on any Service but in cases of Publick Alarms.

We are humbly of Opinion that the Charges proposed to be payd by the Publick for the im'ediate Support of the people on their arrival & for carrying them to their Settlements will be very inconsiderable to the benefits the Country will receive by increasing it's Inhabitants The Com'ittee on desiring the said Trench to explain himself upon this article were told by him, that in case it should be found that these proposalls took effect & prove of Service to the Province that he then Submitted it to the Consideration of the General Assembly to make him such amends as they shall think he merits for the great Charge he must be at to make these proposals Effectual.
The Com'ittee are of Opinion that these two Articles may be provided for in a Bill which they humbly Recomend to this Honble; house may be brought in to encourage the s\textsuperscript{d}: Allex. Trench to prosecute these proposals & that Com'iss'rs, be appointed to see them duely executed.—

The Com'ittee have taken next under Consideration the Representation of the Reverend the Clergy of this Province and having carefully examin'd the severall Laws referred to in the said Representation. We are humbly of Opinion that the provisional fund for making good the Deficiency wch; may happen in the Duty On Skins & Furrs appropriated for payment of the s\textsuperscript{d} Clergys Sallary is by a Subsequent Law taken away & appropriated for sinking the paper Bills in several Species there mentioned by wch: means a great part of the Sallarys of the said clergy are left unprovided for, We therefore humbly Recomend to this honble:— house that suitable provision may be made in the Estimate for the ensuing year for paym': of the deficiency of the said Sallaries: And Whereas the Sallaries of the s\textsuperscript{d}. Clergy are directed by Law to be pay'd in Proclamation money and there being no certain exchange fixed between the Value of the s\textsuperscript{d}: Proclamation money & that of this Currency whereby the Value of the s\textsuperscript{d}. Clergys Sallaries may be much lessened & reduced & the intent & meaning of the Law not answered, We are therefore humbly of Opinion that the Church Com'issionrs: may be directed to ascertain the difference between Proclamation money & this Currency as the Law directs them March 3\textsuperscript{d}. 1724.

The Clerk of the Council brought from his Excell\textsuperscript{y}. the following Message together with a memorial of Coll: John Fenwick & also a Representation of Cap:. Daniel Green setting forth the progress made in Great Britain in taking off the Enummeration of Rice.—

M\textsuperscript{r}.: Speak\textsuperscript{r}. & Gent\textsuperscript{e}.

I have further Consider'd your Message concerning the changing of the old Bills & I do assure you that I will do every thing that lyes in my power to comply with any thing that you desire for the promoeting of those two Inseperables the interest of his Majesty & of this his Province therefore propose that notice be given to all persons that have any old Bills to send them to the Com'issrs: by thursday come fortnight wch: I think they
may do as well as in a twelve Month & then the Com'iss's: may have orders to keep them & get ready as many new Bills as will change them & that an humble Petition be drawn up & signed by his Majesties honble: Council & your selves & I shall (God willing) endeavour to get his Majesties Royall Assent thereto, by this method the Rt; Honble: the Lds: Com'iss's: of trade & Plantations will See to what Value the new Bills amount to for after this way of exchanging old Bills people may keep them for Seven years & then Desire they may be changed for new ones & give an Oppertunity to have them Counterfeited which is the Opinion of
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The house adjourn'd til to Morrow morning eight of the Clock

Thursday the 4th. March 1724.

The House taking under Consideration the Report of the Com’ittee of Petitions & accounts read over that part of the Report on William Mellichamp his proposals & gave leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to his proposals leaving the Limitation of the 5th: act blank wch: time the house will further Consider.

The house taking under Consideration the proposals of Alex'r., Trench for bringing over White people from Europe & the Report of the Com'ittee of Petitions thereupon
Resolv'd that the 4th: Trench have leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Report on his proposals & that it be declared in the said Bill that it should not debar any other persons from having the same benefit and advantage that should come to Settle in this Province.

The house allso took under consideration that part of the 5th: Report wch: relates to the Clergy & have agreed to the same & recomended to the Com'ittee on the Treasurer's Accounts to report the present State of the Clergys Sallaries as it will appear from the said Accounts.

May it Please y'r Hon'r.: This house having read and taken under Consideration the Report of the Com'ittee on Petitions & accounts have come
to the Resolutions on the several parts thereof wch: are herewith; sent to yr Honr., & We desire yr Concurrence thereto

Tho's. Broughton Speak'r:—

The memorial of Collp: John Fenwick praying to be paid for a negro killed by an Indian in endeavouuring to take him was read & referr'd to the Com'ittee of Petitions.

The house reading & taking under Consideration a paper recom-mended by his Excell'y: & the President of his Majesties Council to this house containing Several Steps taken by Cap't: Daniel Green in Great Britain towards the taking off the Ennumeration of Rice & finding that the sd., Cap't: Green had used his endeavours in great Britain to Obtain that Considerable piece of Service to this Province.

Resolved that the thanks of this house be given to the sd: Cap't: Green for using his endeavours in Great Britain to obtain the taking off the Ennumeration of Rice wch: would be so considerable a piece of Service to this Province and that this Resolution be made known to him by two members of this house Viz': Tho's: Hepworth & William Cattle Esqrs:—

The house adjourn'd til to Morrow Morning eight of the Clock

Friday the 5th of March 1724.

The house mett according to adjournment.

The Resolutions of this House on yesterday on the Report of the Com'ittee on Petitions & accounts together with a message desiring the Council's Concurrence was sent up by Mr: Barton & Cap't: Saunders

The house being inform'd that Mr: James Nicholas Mairant who was Elected for Prince George's waited without.

Order'd that he be admitted in & being ask'd whether he was willing to Quallifie himselfe as a Member of this house declared he was & then Cap't: Dry & Cap't: Fitch were Order'd to go with him to the Gov'r. in order to his taking the State Oaths

Mr., William Rhett from the Com'ittee of Petitions & accounts made a further Report wch: he read in his place & deliver'd in at the table.

The Report of the Com'ittee on Petitions & accounts continued Two accounts of Fra' Yonge Esqr.
1st, one for the Sum' of £105., 08., 4. Sterling
2d, one for the Sum' of £, 74., 11., 0

The Com'ittee having examined the sd: Accounts do Report as follows
That in the first account We Observe an article of £75., 16., 1., charged as the amount of a former account sent August the 20th. 1723 wch: sd: account We find has been already examin'd & Consider'd by the last Assembly as appears by the Journal of the house Viz:—
Nov'r: 14th, 1723, a Com'ittee being appointed to examine the sd: account of Mr Yonges did make their Report to wch: the house agreed as follows
For postage of Letters charged in sd: Account—£19.,16.,2.,
For fees p'd. Mr: West on Several Acts............. 14.,07.,4.,
Charged in said accounts............. 34.,03.,6

By which it appears that there was but.............34.,03,,6
allowed to Mr. Yonge on his former account
The Com'ittee having examind the other articles of the first account of Mr. Yonge's amounting to £105.,8.,4 do find them to Consist as follows

For Postage............. 18.,18.,9—
Upon account of the Enumeration............. £ 0.,15,,6

at Several Offices & otherwise ............. 19.,14,,3
Officers of Com'issrs: of Trade.............£ 1. 1. 0.—
D°: Lord Carterets ..................... 1. 1. 0
D°: Lord Townsend ..................... 1. 1. 0
D°: at the Treasury ..................... 1. 1. 0
Charges at Sundry times with a Swiss
Gentn: who proposed sending people to Carolina ..................... „2.,2.,0
Sundry other Charges, p'd Mr: West for fee on 11 Bills ..................... „2.,15.,0
Coach hire with Collp: Fenwick „0,,4.,6—
Fees at the Council Office on referring £3,12,6
the General Assembly's Representation £6,02,0.
£32,,12,3.—

The Committee upon perusal of the Journal of the house observe the following Resolutions.—

Nov'r: 14th. 1723

Resolv'd that this house expects that Mr: Yonge give a particular account of what he pays Postage for that they may be judge whether they are for the Publick Service & that this House will not pay for any Postage of Letters but what immediately relates to the Publick.

And also another Resolution that as there was a premium settled for taking off the Enumeration of Rice the house agreed to pay no money for any Charges on that account. Wherefore this Committee are of Opinion that the Sum of £18,, 18,, 9 charged for Postage in the account above mention'd be not allowed nor the article of £0,, 15,, 6 charged which: the Committee think is on account of the Enumeration. The several articles amounting to £6,, 12,, 0 We are of Opinion should be allowed.

The Committee also Submits to the Consideration of this honble house whether the Money allowed by the late Assembly on account of Mr: Yonge before mention'd being £34,, 3,, 6 Sterling be not included in the Sum of £100 Sterling pay'd Mr: Yonge by the said Assembly as appears by the Journals of this house June the 12th. 1723

Resolv'd that £100 Sterling be pay'd Francis Yonge Esq. for the time of his Service since the expiration of his Agency to the time of his receiving notice of his Discontinuance.—

The Committee do further Report their Opinion on the 2d account of Mr: Yonges amounting to £74,, 11,, 0 Sterling which: consists as follows

Pay'd on account of the Enumeration ..............£22,, 01,, 0
Pay'd for French Wine ..................................52,, 10,, 0

74,, 11,, 0

The Resolution of the house before remarked is Sufficient Objection against the Article of £22,, 01,, 0,, paid: on acct: of the Enumeration.
As to the other of £52., 10., 0 pd., for French Wine We are of Opinion should be allowed since its agreeable to a Resolution of this house.

The Com'ittee do further Report to this Honble: House the State of Money due on two Orders drawn by the late Coll: Barnwell deceas'd on the Publick Treasurer for the use of Beaufort.

One payable to William Lancaster for £318., 00., 0
Indorsed on s'd: Order pay'd him 40., 15., 0

Remains due 9., 05., 0

The Com'ittee having sent for Coll: Parris Publick Treasurer asked him the reason why the said Orders were not fully pay'd. The said Publick Treasurer deliver'd to this Com'ittee an acct: of £400., pd., by him wch: was all that was appropriated for the use of the s'd: Beaufort Fort by wch: account Your Com'ittee Observes that the Sum' of £8., 10., 0 has been pay'd in part of the said two Orders & the Sum' of £318., 9., 0 has been pay'd by the Publick Treasurer to the aforesd: Coll: Barnwell deceas'd Viz: In Cordages & Tarr sent him £18., 9., 0 & in cash £300 We are therefore of Opinion that the Ex'ors of the said Barnwell do lay before this Honble: House an acct: how the s'd: Sum of £318., 9., 0 has been Disposed of & that Provision be made in the Estimate for the ensuing Year for the Sum of £18., 10., 0 due on the two Orders above mentioned.—

The Com'ittee have also Considered the Petition of the Reverend Mr: William Guy & do find that the Law referred to in the said Petition is agreeable to what the Petition'rs: Set forth but as y'r: Com'ittee are well Sattisfied that the reasons Mr: Guy urges for his absence are just We are therefore humbly of Opinion & Recomend to the Consideration of this Honble: house that an Order be Signed by both Houses directing the Publick Treasurer: to pay the s'd: Mr: Guy or his Order such Sum' or Sum's of money as this Honble: house thinks proper during the absence of the said Mr: Guy wch: We are informed will not exceed a twelve Month.—

March th4, 1724.

Benj: Whitaker Esq: from the Com'ittee appointed to take under Consideration the affairs of the Indians made their Report wch: he read in his place & deliver'd in at the table & the Report
being again read by the Clerk motion was made that the house should immediately enter upon the debate of the said Report. And, the Question was then put whether this house will immediately enter upon the Debate.

Carried in the Negative.

The house Resolv'd to enter upon the debate of the said Report to Morrow morning.

The house considering that the General Sessions draws near & that this house will be then Sitting & that several Members will be Obliged to attend the Same by wch: means the business of this house will be very much Impeded.——

Resolv'd that an Ordinance be forthwith drawn for adjourning the said Sessions.

Mr. John Bucknal being sent from the Council with a Message he was admitted in & then Order'd to withdraw & the house Considering it was not consistant with their Hon'r: to receive a message by his hands sent for him in again & informed him they would not receive the message from him & would give their reasons to the Council in writing immediately.

May it please y'r Hon'rs.

Your house having sent a Message to us by Mr: Bucknal wherein We observe that Mr: Sec'r: Hart is so indisposed that he cannot bring Messages to us from y'r, Hon'rs., We must take leave to acquaint you that it is our Opinion that it is not Consistant with the Hon'r: of this house to receive any messages by the hands of any person that does not enjoy an employment at least of the degree of Deputy Sec'r., & finding that Mr. Bucknal is not in that Office We are Constrained to return you the said Message.

Thos., Broughton, Speak'r:

The house being inform'd that Mr. Tunley attended with a message he was Order'd to walk in & some objections arising to the receiving the said Message he was desired to withdraw & then the house took under Consideration whether they should Receive the said Message & the house agreeing to it Mr.. Tunley was again called in & read the following Message together with a Message brought by Mr.. Bucknal.

Mr.: Speak'r. & Gent'n.

In answer to y'r., Message just now receiv'd by William Cattle and William Saunders Esq's., in relation to our former Message.
by Mr: Bucknal, We did not intend anything to lessen the Hon‘r. of y‘r., House but thought it proper if you had liked our proposal at this present Juncture & the Deputy Sec‘ry: being wholly taken up in that Office cannot be Spared without great prejudice to the Province in general if not to the intire Shutting up that office for a time & We cannot think but Mr: Sec‘ry: Hart hath power to appoint Several Deputies to the several Branches of his Office as need shall require & We thought that Message Signed by Mr: Sect‘ry.: Hart to be a Sufficient Deputy for the Service therein mention’d & desire you will get Over a thing of so little Consequence when We are necessiated to send such persons as We can get

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Mr., Speak‘r., & Gent‘n.. 

Our Clerk’s time being so much taken in his office & the Members of our house on Com‘ittees it is almost impossible to Spare either on Messages now, in the room of Mr: Sec‘ry.— Hart who is sick in bed, he hath deputed Mr: John Bucknal by whom he hopes you’ll accept the messages til he is able to come himselfe.

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Char. Hart Sec‘ry.: 

The house Taking under Consideration the above Message Resolv‘d that Coll‘: John Fenwick Jn‘: Lloyd & Benj‘: Whitaker Esq‘: be a Com‘ittee to Confer with a Com‘ittee of his Majesties Hon‘ble: Council on the Subject Matter of the above message.

The house taking under Consideration the second Report of the Com‘ittee on Petitions.

Resolv‘d that in Consideration that the Reverend Mr: William Guy is in an ill State of health wch: necessarily calls him to Great Britain that this house will make provision for the Subsistance of his Family during his absence

Mr: Robert Hume from the Com‘ittee appointed to State the powder Receiver’s accounts acquainted the house that they were ready to make their Report if the house was ready to receive the Same & being Order‘d so to do he read it in his place & deliver‘d it in at the table as also the Report of the said Com‘ittee
on the Watch house & Watch in Charles Town he also read the Bricklayers proposals for building the Watch house.

Benja: Whitaker Esq., layd before the house an Ordinance for adjournment. Of the General Sessions w^ch; was read the first time & past w^th; amendment.—

Resolv’d that this house will adjourn until three of the Clock in the afternoon in order to go in a body to the funeral of Will: Gibbon Esq: late one of his Majesties Honble: Council in this Province.

The house met according to adjournment.

The house adjourn’d til tomorrow morning eight of the Clock

Saturday the 6th March 1724.

The house met according to adjournment.

The house being inform’d that Cap: Joseph Seabrook was without who is return’d as a Member of this house for the Parish of St: Helena and St: Bartholomews, he was called in & ask’d if he would quallify himself as a member, he declared he would & design’d to serve for St: Bartholomews, & then cap: Tobias Fitch & Walter Izard Esq’es: were desired to go with Cap: Seabrook to the Council in order to his taking the State Oaths before his Excell’y. the Gov’t.

Benja: Whitaker Esq: from the Com’ittee appointed to Conferr with: the Com’ittee of his Majesties Council on the Subject matter of a Message sent to this house Yesterday, Reported that they had Conferr’d with the Com’ittee of Council thereupon & that they agreed entirely with them that Mr: Sec’y: Hart was the properest person to bring Messages from his Excell’y: & the Council to this house.

The house Resolv’d to send the following Message to the Council on the second Report of the Com’ittee of Petitions & accounts yesterday Consider’d & Debated

May it please y’rs., Honrs.—

This house has taken under considera’ on the Second Report of the Com’ittee on Petitions & Accounts & are of Opinion that the Sum’ of thirty four pounds three Shillings and Sixpence Sterling formerly allowed Mr: Yonge was not included in the Sum’ of One hundred pounds Sterling Voted to the sd. Mr: Yonge In June last & that the sd. thirty four pounds three Shillings &
Sixpence be pay'd Mr: Yonge if it be not payd by any other provision, We are allso of Opinion that eighteen pounds eighteen and nine pence one of the articles for Postage be allso allowed & that all other articles of the first account be allowed except those wch: the Com'ittee have Reported against, As to Mr: Yonge's second acc't: We agree with the Com'ittee that the article of fifty two pounds eleven Shillings for French Clarrett be allso allowed & that the Article of twenty two pounds one Shilling be disallowed,

We agree to the Report on the acco't: of Plummer & Lancaster. We agree that in Consideration the Reverend Mr: William Guy is in an ill State of health wch: necessary calls him to Great Britain that Provision be made for the Subsistance of his Family during his absence.

Tho's, Broughton Speak'r.

The following Message was sent from his Excell'y: the Gov'r. & the President of the Council together wth: the Ordinance for adjournmt: of the General Sessions read in Council the first time, The Petition of the Inhabitants of St: Helena recomended from the Council & the Petition of Margeret Johnson as allso the Report of the Com'ittee of Council on Indian Affairs amended Mr: Speak'r., & Gent'n,

We herewth: send the Report of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs, & have Consider'd & approv'd thereof with some few Amendments herewith Sent

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The house taking under Consideration the Report of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs

Resolv'd that a Fort be built at the Forks of Alatamaha River, Order'd that the Com'ittee have leave to amend the Report. The Question was put if the Fort shall be built at the Charge of the Publick. Carryed in the Negative Resolv'd that it shall be built & maintain'd at the Charge of private persons.

The house postpon'd the further debate on the Report of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs until the next meeting of this house after this days adjournment.—

The Ordinance for adjournment of the General Sessions was read the second time & past with amendm'ts:
Resolv'd that John Brown Gent.: Messenger of this house do forthwth: take into his Custody the body of Isaac LeGrand Church Warden for St: James' Santee for his great contempt to this house in evading the paying due Obedience to the former Orders thereof.

The following Message together with the Ordinance for adjournmt: of the Sessions was sent up by Benj: Whitaker Esq: & Mr: Barton

May it please y'r., Excell'y.,

Cap: Joseph Seabrook being return'd to Serve as a Member of this house for two Parishes Viz: for St: Helena & St: Bartholomews & having declared that he would serve for St: Bartholomews, We desire y'r: Excelly: would be pleas'd to issue Writs for Electing another Member to serve in this house for the Parish of St: Helena.

Tho: Broughton Speak:

Resolv'd that Cap: Rich: Smith who is return'd to serve as a Member of this house for Prince George's Parish be forthwth: Sum'oned by the Messenger of this house to attend the house & that such Sum'ons be at the Charge of the said Cap: Smith.

The house adjourn'd til munday three of the Clock in the afternoon

Munday March the 8th 1724.

The house mett according to adjournment.

The following Members mett according to adjournment

Coll: John Fenwick
Coll: John Woodward
Mr: Eleaz: Allen
Mr: Tho: Barton

Tho: Hepworth Esq:

The Speak: not appearing Coll: John Fenwick was chose Chairman who agreeable to the Act of Assembly in that case made & provided took the Chair. And then he adjourn'd the house till to Morrow morning eight of the Clock.
Tuesday the 9th. March 1724

The house mett according to adjournment.
The house read & Consider'd the Petition of Margaret Johnson praying to be pay'd for a Negro killed by the Cussoe Indians as allso the Petition of John Green Land praying to be pay'd what is due to Coll:o: Hastings from the Publick.—
As allso the Petition of the Inhabitants of St: Helena praying for a further Sum' to be given them out of the Public Treasury towards building & finishing their Church, wch: said Petitions with several accounts the title of wch: were read, were referred to the Com'ittee of Petitions & accounts.
The Message drawn up last Saturday was sent up by Tho:o: Hepworth Esq: & Maj:o: Hext.—
The house according to the Order of the day took under Considera' on the remaining part of the Report of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs & made several Alterations & amendments & then read & Consider'd the Report of the Com'ittee on the powder Receiver's accounts & on the Watch house and Watch in Charles Town.—
Resolv'd that a message be sent to his Excell'y praying him to Order that as much powder as has been sent out of the magazine may be returned.

May it please y'r:. Excell'y:

This house having read & Consider'd the Report of the Com'ittee appointed to State the powder Receiver's accounts observe that y'r: Excell'y: was pleas'd to order half a Barrell of Cannon Powder to be sent to Fort King George out of the Magazine of this Province. We therefore desire y'r: Excell'y. will be pleas'd to Order the Same Quantity of powder to be return'd to the Magazine

Tho:o: Broughton Speak'y:

Resolv'd that Coll:o: Mich:o: Brewton powder Receiv'r: do henceforth take receipts on the back of all Orders directed to him for the Delivery of powder & that he shall not be allowed for any Quantity of powder & that he shall not be shall not be allowed for any Quantity of powder wch: he shall henceforth deliver without producing such Order & Receipt
The house adjourn'd till tomorrow morning eight of the Clock
Wednesday the 10th day of March 1724.
The house mett according to adjournment
The following Message was Order'd to be wrote to his Majest\^:
Council

May it please y\^r. Hon\^rs.

This house having read & Consider'd the Report of the Com\'ittee appointed to take under Consideration the affairs of the Indians have made Several alterations \& amendm\^nts: to the same \& therewith send it to your Hon\^rs: for y\^r: approbation, the Reports of the Com\'ittee appointed to State the powder Receiv\^es: Acc\^ts: \& to examine into the State of the old Watch house \& watch in Cha: Town are allso herewth: sent you and you will find We agree to them

Tho\^: Broughton Speak\^r.
The above message together with the message to his Excell\^y: of yesterday \& the Report of the Council Concerning the Indians were sent up by Cap\^: Broughton \& Mr\^: Cattle.———
The Petition of John Bee \& the Petition of the Schoolmaster \& Usher of the Free School together with a State of the Free School as allso An Ordinance for adjournmt: of the General Sessions read the Second time in Council were brought down from his Excell\^y: \& the Council.
The Ordinance for adjournm\^t. of the general Sessions was read the third time \& past with amendments \& sent up to the Council by Mr\^: Eleaz\^r: Allen \& Cap\^: John Raven.———
The Petition of John Bee was read \& referr\'d to the Com\'ittee on Indian affairs.———
The Petition of the Schoolmaster \& usher of the Free School was read \& Order\'d to lye on the table.———
Mr\^: Sec\^\^r: Harts accounts was read \& referr\'d.
The Bill for Vesting the Sole Right of making Salt in this Province in William Mellichamp his heirs \& assign\^s was lay\'d before the house pursuant to the leave given for that purpose \& was read the first time \& past with amendments.
The above Bill sent up by Tho\^: Hepworth Esq\^: \& Cap\^: Henry Nicholls

Resolv\'d that the Tax for the Curr\^t: year be levyed \& raised as it was the last Viz:\^ on Land \& negroes \& one Sixth part on the Town
Order'd that the Clerk do bring in a Bill for raising & Levying a Tax for the Current Year

Order'd that Allex: Parris Esq: Treasurer: do forthwith lay before this house an abstract of the State of his accounts: with the Ballance upon every fund & also an account of what number of Bills he hath Cancelled & what are remaining in his hands to be cancelled & that he be served with this Order.

Order'd that the Deputy Secretary: do forthwith: attend this house with the Act intituled an Act for calling in & Sinking the paper Bills.

Resolv'd that the time heretofore given for laying accounts before this house be prolonged to Saturday the 13th: of this instant & that all such accounts as shall not be Deliver'd to the Clerk of this house by that time shall not be Consider'd this Sessions

Resolv'd that a bill be brought in for limiting the time for exchanging the old Bills.

Order'd that the Clerk do draw the said Bill.

The two following Messages was brought from his Excellency: together with the Bill for Vesting the Sole Right of making Salt in this Province in William Mellichamp read in Council the first time & past: amendments: & Mr: Yonge's two accounts: together with the Report of the Committee on the Powder Receiver's accounts agreed to. & the Report of the Committee on the Watch & Watch house agreed to with Amendments.—

Mr: Speak: & Gent:

In answer to your Message of yesterday on the Second Report of the Committee on Petitions &ca: We have perused the same with Mr: Yonge's account & do approve thereof without Objection. Ar., Middleton P.

Council Chamber March ye 10th: 1724.

Mr: Speak: & Gent:

I have perused Mr: Mellichamp's Bill for making Salt in this Province which: I take to be a good one & for the benefit of this Province but it being a private Bill & of a new nature I cannot pass it without a Clause therein that it do not take place till his Majestie's pleasure therein be known according to two of his Majest's: Royall Instructions relating to private Acts & those of
a new nature & as to the time or term to be allowed therein
I think on new undertakings there is usually allowed fourteen years

Council Chamber | Fra., Nicholson
March 10th, 1724 | |

Resolv'd that the following Gent: be a Com'ittee to enquire into the State of the Currency, Coll: John Fenwick, John Lloyd Esq: M: Saml: Eveleigh, M: Allen, M: Wm., Rhett M: Wm., Cattle & Benj: Whitaker Esq: & that his Majest's: Council be desir'd to appoint a Com'ittee to join the Com'ittee of this house.

May it please yr Hon'rs:

This house has appointed the following Gent: Viz: Coll: John Fenwick M: John Lloyd & M: Saml: Eveleigh M: William Rhett M: Eleazr: Allen M: William Cattle & Benj: Whitaker Esq: to be a Com'ittee to enquire into the State of the Currency and to Consider of ways & means to establish the said Currency & We desire your Hon'rs: to appoint a Com'ittee of his Majesties Council to join the said Com'ittee.

Tho: Broughton Speak'r.
The house adjourn'd till to Morrow morning eight of the Clock

Thursday the Eleventh day of March 1724
The house met according to adjournment.
Walter Izard Esq: & Cap: Saunders were directed to Carry to the council the Message of Yesterday.
The Speak'r: by Order of the house sign'd the powder Receiv'rs:
Books—
The following Message was brought from his Excell'y: the Gov'r: together with the Bill for Vesting the Sole right of making Salt in M: Mellichamp his Heirs & Assigns & the Ordinance for adjourning the Sessions.
M: Speak'r: & Gent:

In answer to your Message just now rec'd We have appointed the Hon'ble: Alexr: Skene Esq: to join the Com'ittee of your house on the State of the Currency.
We have perused & Consider'd the Reports of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs made to both houses & find an alteration in that to yours & that it is proper to make some amendm'ts: in both & propose that they be recom'itted that the alterations & amend-
On the Report of the Com'ittee on Petitions & accounts his Excell'y: is pleased that some Queries be propounded to Mr: Trench with respect to that part wch: relates to him & therefore propose that that part be recommitted & his Excell'y: is of Opinion that an Act to be made for him being of the same nature with that for Mr: Mellichamp ought to have the same provisional Clause

Council Chamber

March the 11th. 1724

The Clerk according to Order lay'd before the house a Bill for limiting the time for exchanging the Old Bills wch: was read & past the first time with amendments.

The title of several acc'ts: were read & referr'd to the Comittee of accounts

Order'd that Coll°: Herbert Mr: William Cattle & Mr: Robert Hume be a Com'ittee to join a Com'ittee of his Majesties Council to State & adjust the accounts of the Comissrs: for building the new brick Church

May it please y'r: Hon'r

This house having appointed a Com'ittee to State & adjust the accounts of the Com'issrs: for building the new Church in Charles Town & desire y'r: Hon'r: will appoint a Com'ittee of his Majesties Honble: Council to join the said Com'ittee—

Tho°, Broughton Speak'r.

The following Gent's: were appointed a Com'ittee to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, Tho°: Hepworth Esq'r: Benj°: Whitaker Esq'r: & Mr°: Robert Hume.—

The ingrosed Ordinance for adjourning the General Sessions was read in the house & sent up together with the Message concerning the appointing a Com'ittee to State the Church Comissrs: Accounts by Cap°: Bond and Mr°: Heyward.—

The house adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning eight of the Clock—

Friday the 12th day of March 1724.

The house mett according to adjournment.

The Ordinance for adjournment of the General Sessions was brought down from his Excell'y: & his Excell'y: Recomended that in the title of the said Bill the words (by the Grace of God) should be added wch: were order'd to be added & were added accordingly & the s'd: Ordinance Order'd to be again ingrosed.—
The house taking under Consideration the Report of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs & the fortifications made Several alterations & amendments: thereto & Coll: Fenwick & Cap: Bond were directed to Carry up the said Report & desire the Concurrence of the Council thereto
The Petition of Francis Baker setting forth that the Publick receiv'r, hath Oblig'd him to pay £18 Dutys for a Pipe of Canary Wine & that there is no Law w'th: Obliges him to pay the sd.. Duty.—
An Acc: of Mr: Eveleigh's was also lay'd before the house to the same Purpose & both referr'd to the Com'ittee of accounts as also the account of Anthony White.
The following Message was sent to his Excell'y: recomending Maj'r.. Durham to the Comand of the Savanno Garrison
May it please y'r.. Excell'.
The house finding that Cap: Monger is desireous to be discharged from his Comand of Fort Moore & observing the Com'ittee to whom that Affair was Recomended are of Opinion that a new Cap: & Lieu: ought immediately to be appointed. We take leave to Recomend to y'r.. Excell'y: Maj': David Durham for that Comand he being an Old Inhabitant in this Province & very Serviceable in the late Indian War & a Gentlem: in all respects well Qualified for that Post.
Tho: Broughton Speak'.
The Speak': & the house waited on his Excell'y: the Gov'r. to Rattifie the Ordinance for adjournment: of the General Sessions & being returned Coll: Chicken & Coll: Herbert were Order'd to deliver the above Message to the Gov'r:——
Motion being made that a Com'ittee be appointed to inquire into the State & management of the Several Courts of Justice in this Province & the following Gentlem: were appointed of the said Com'ittee Thomas Hepworth Esq: Walter Izard & Benj.. Whitaker Esq's Mr: Allen & Cap: William Dry
The house adjourn'd till to morrow morning eight of the Clock

Saturday the 13th day of March 1724.
The house mett according to adjournment.
A Member of this house acquainting the house that Mr: Forster desired a Recomendation to his Excell'y: the Gov'r: for the Lieutenancy of Fort Moore.
Resolv'd that this house will recomend Mr: Forster to his Excell'v: for that Employment.

May it please Y'rn, Excell'v:

This house Considering the necessity of immediately appointing a Lieut: at Fort Moore We take leave to recomend to you Mr: Arthur Forster who We are of Opinion is an Honest Man and fitt for that Post.

Tho: Broughton Speak'r.

Mr: Thomas Heyward from the Com'ittee appointed to inspect into the Armory acquainted the house that they were ready to make their Report if the house would receive the Same & he read the same in his place and deliver'd it in at the table & the said Report was deliver'd back to the Com'ittee to Compare with former Reports on the Armory.

The Petition of Isaac LeGrand Donnerville was read Setting forth that he had attended this Honble: House as the Law Directs if his wife & himselfe had not been Sick & that on receiving a Letter from the Messenger he conceived his attendance was not necessary & humbly ask'd pardon for incurring the Displeasure of this house & praying to be discharged out of Custody paying his fleses & the Petition being read Order'd that it lye on the table

May it please y'rn, Excell'v:

We are very glad to find that upon y'rn: Excell'vs: perusal of the Bill for making Salt you think it a good one & We are intirely of your Excell'y: Opinion, but We are Concern'd to find that y'rn: Excell'v: thinks it a private Bill & that you cannot pass the same without a Clause providing that it shall not take place until his Majesties pleasure therein shall be known it being agreeable to his Majesties Royal Instructions to y'rn: Excell'y: We begg leave to acquaint y'rn: Excell'y: that We think this Bill may very justly be deem'd a Publick Bill as it is calculated in our Opinion for the Generall good of this his Majesties Province & will be highly beneficial to the Trade & Com'erce thereof, nor is the property of any of his Majest'y: Subjects Concern'd, if the Clause y'rn: Excell'y: is pleas'd to mention should be in the said Bill We cannot think it will have any Effect considering the great Charge there is in getting an Act Confirm'd by his Majesty & the undertaker will be put to great expence in beginning his Work & making them fitt to proceed on therefore We hope y'rn: Excell'y: will be of Opinion that the passing this Bill
will not be disagreeable to yr: Excell'y: Instructions & that you will be pleas'd to encourage an undertaking so well suited to the Circumstances of this Province.

Tho: Broughton Speak'.
The above Message sent up by Coll: John Fenwick & Mr: Cattle Order'd that the Com'ittee appointed to enquire into the State of the Courts of Law have in in Charge to enquire into the Greivances attending the Law empowering persons to Swear themselves off.

May it please yr: Hon'y: This house has appointed a Com'ittee to enquire into the State of the Courts of Justice in this Province & have given in Charge to the said Com'ittee to examine the Law empowering persons to Swear themselves off that are not worth five pounds & if any Greivances attend the Same to report them to this house, therefore We desire yr: Hon'y: to appoint a Com'ittee of his Majesties Council to join the said Com'ittee

Tho: Broughton Speak'.
The above message sent by Benja: Whitaker Esq'. & Mr: Jno: Parker
The house adjourn'd till Munday two of the Clock in the afternoon

Munday the 15th March 1724
The house mett according to adjournment & Adjourn'd till tomorrow morning eight of the Clock

Tuesday the 16th March 1724.
The house mett according to adjournment
The Clerk according to Order of the house laid before the house a Bill for raising the Sum of on Lands & Slaves for defraying the Contingent Charges of the Government from the day of to the day of
And the same was read & past the first time with Amendments.
The above Bill sent up by Walter Izard Esq': & Mr: Barton The two following messages were brought from his Excell'y: the Gov'y: together with a Petition of Several Inhabitants of Charles Town praying that the house Standing nigh the Dock Street upon the middle of the bay may be pulled down wch:
petition was read & referred to the Com'ittee of Petitions.—
Mr.: Speak'r. & Gentlem'n: of the Com'ons house of Assembly
Honble., Gent'n:

A little while ago I receiv'd your message of this date con-
cerning the affair about making of Salt. I do assure you that I
am very Sorry that We differ in our Opinions concerning the
Bill for thò it be for the Publick good yet it is for a private
Man's advantage & yet it may so happen that after he has been
to the Charge of making a small quantity of Salt his Majesty
may order the said Act to be Repeal'd, & when all persons are
forbid making of Salt but himselfe then Query it every In-
habitant of this his Majesties Province is not prohibited of
making Salt, in my own Judgement I am for having the Publick
do this & other things of the like nature so that they may have
the benefit & profitt that may arise thereby.— I take the
proposal of Mr.: Trench bringing people here at the Publick
charge to be of the same nature &ca; I have sent you papers
concerning the same & I heartily wish that some Publick way
may be found out for bringing people to this Country & for
the encouragem't: of these two affairs for the bringing them to
perfection suitable assistance shall be given them by
Council Chamber—

Fra. Nicholson
March the 16th. 1727

Mr.: Speak'r. & Gent'n: of the Com'ons house of Assembly
Honble., Gent'n:

Your message of the 12th Instant concerning Maj'r., David
Durham being Recomended by you to me to be Comander of Fort
Moore is very well approv'd of by his Majesties Honble: Council
& myself as is likewise your message of the 13th for Mr: Arthur
Forster being Lieut': of the said Fort & I most earnestly Recom-
tend to you that a Com'ittee of both houses may draw up their
Com'isons & Instructions as likewise a particular Oath for their
Offices & this to be done as soon as possible in order to their
taking their said Oaths & State Oaths while the Assembly is
Sitting, and I do further recomend to you that a Surgeon may
be appointed for the said Garrison & I do most Cordially
recomend to you that Effectual Care be taken that that Garrison
& others & others that shall be establish'd be Supplyed with
provisions & all other necessarys so that none of the boats or
men that belong to the Garison may be sent away from the said
Garrison for Provisions &ca: for if they should it may be of fatal Consequence to it for want of boats or men therefore I heartily wish that you would agree with the Honble: Coll: John Woodward who is a Member of your house for the Supplying yr: Garrison with provisions &ca, & it would likewise be very acceptable to me if you consent to do any work at Johnsons Fort that you would employ two of yr: Honble: & worthy Members to do it Viz: Coll:, Herbert & Coll:; Hall they having done the last Work there & if any thing is to be done to the fortifications of this place I hope you will agree with some of your worthy Members to do it for it's my Opinion that such Work should be undertaken by some of the Members of your house because they are the Gent:; that the Country have entrusted & it was allways my Custom to employ in any place of proffit the Members of his Majesties Honble: Council or the people's Representatives & I am most heartily Sorry that I have not had the Same oppertunity of doing it here but when ever I shall have the good fortune of it's being in my power it shall Cordially be Complied with by.

Fra., Nicholson

Honble:, Gent:,

I likewise Recomend to you that there be kept at Fort Moore three or four horses to be made use of for expresses either in the Indian Country or hither & likewise of doing what is necessary at the Garrison but upon no other account whatsoever & that it be one of the Instructions of the Govr:; concerning this affair & that one of the Soldiers be appointed to take care of the said Horses

Council Chamber  
March the 16th. 1724  

Fra. Nicholson

The house took under Consideration the Estimate for the ensuing year & filled up several articles & Resolv'd that the Clerk of this ho: be allowed £100 out of the Sum' Remaining in the Treasu'rs: hands upon the fund appropriated the last year for the said Clerk & Writings in Consideration that there was above Six Months intermitted of the Assembly's sitting during whch: time no provision was made for him & allso that the Messenger be allowed the Sum' of £44.,12.,0

The Petition of Isaac LeGrand Donnerville setting forth that he had no manner of design to act Contemptuously to this house &
in a Solemn manner protesting the Same, acknowledging his fault & humbly praying to be discharged out of Custody the house gave Orders to the messenger to bring the s\textsuperscript{d}: Donnerville to the house.

Resolv'd that the Speak\textsuperscript{r}. do give the s\textsuperscript{d}: Donnerville a Severe Reprimand & acquaint him that the house taking under Consideration his second petition had Order'd him to be discharge'd paying his fees/

And the s\textsuperscript{d}: Donnerville appearing he was accordingly Repri

manded & he humbly begg'd pardon & was then Order'd to be discharge'd paying his fees

May it please y'rs: The house having had under Consideration the Estimate for the Curr\textsuperscript{t}: Year, We think it a matter of Consequence & ought to be forthwth: dispatch'd wch: will forward the passing the Tax Act We therefore have refer'd the Same to the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs & desire that the Gentlemen: of his Majesties Hon\textsuperscript{ble}. Council who are of that Com'ittee may have that matter in Charge

Tho: Broughton Speake\textsuperscript{r}.

Resolv'd that the Com'ittee to whom the Estimate for the Curr\textsuperscript{t}: Year is refer'd have in Charge to enquire into the State of the money in the hands of Kingsmill Eyre Esqr.. The house adjourn'd till to morrow morning eight of Clock

Wednesday the 17\textsuperscript{th}. day of March 1724

The house mett according to adjournment.

Walter Izard Esqr: from the Com'ittee appointed to bring in a Bill for to empower the Rector & Church Wardens of St: George's Parish to sell their Glebe & to purchase another was laid before the house by the said Mr: Izard.

The following Resolution of the Council was brought from thence St: Carolina.

In the upper house of assembly March the 16\textsuperscript{th}: 1724.

The hon\textsuperscript{ble}: Allex\textsuperscript{r}: Skene Esqr: a Member of this house moved for leave to bring in a Bill for founding & Erecting a Free School at the town of Dorchester in the Parish of St: Georges wch: was granted & leave is hereby given to the said Allex\textsuperscript{r}:
Skene to bring in a Bill accordingly wch: bill being brought in was read the first time & past wth: Amendm:\n\nAr. Middleton P,—

with the above Resolution was brought the Petition of the Parish of Christ Church & also the petition of Adam Beauchamp wch: were both read & referr'd to the Com'ittee on Petitions

A Bill for founding & Erecting a Free School in the Town of Dorchester in S:\' George's Parish read the first time in Council & past with amendments was also brought down

The Bill to empower the Rector & Church Wardens of S:\' George's Parish to Sell & dispose of the present Glebe & to purchase another was read the first time & past with amendments. The bill for Erecting a Free School was read the first time and past with amendments.

Mr: William Rhett from the Com'ittee on Petitions & accounts made the following Report.

Upon several matters Viz:\n
The Memorial of Coll\o: Fenwick praying payment out of the Treasury for a Negro man who run' away & was kill'd by an Indian

The Petition of Mad\n\n\nMargaret Johnson for payment out of the Treasury for a Negro man who ran away & was killed by Indians sent in pursuit of him, both wch: memorial & Petition your Com'ittee have examin'd & find the facts as there set forth to be true but no provision being made in the negro act for cases of this nature the Com'ittee do therefore Submitt the Consideration of them to this Hon\bld'h, house

The petition of John Greenland attorney to Coll\o: Theophilis Hastings for payment of what money is due to the said Hastings for the time he has been employ'd in the Publick Service, The Com'ittee are of Opinion that the consideration of this Petition be deferr'd till Coll\o: Hastings returns.—

The petition of the Inhabitants of S:\' Helena &\n\nprofessing the Christian Religion as by Law establish'd The Com'ittee having Consider'd the said petition & examin'd an acc:\n\nannex thereto do Report as follows.

That by the said acc:\n\nt appears there has been payd by the publick the Sum' of £1000 for building a Church & parsonage house at S:\' Helena
That there has been also several Subscriptions given for building the said Church amounting to the Sum of £266. 0-0
That it appears the Sum of £1342.17.6 has been expended in carrying on the building of the said Church & that the Inhabitants of that parish have paid £76:18.6 more then they receiv’d from the Publick & from private persons.—
The Com’ittee find the said Church is Still unfinishd & not fitt to preach in & that no parsonage house is yet begun.
The materials wanting to finish the said Church are mention’d in the account aforesaid: but no estimate made made of their Charge.
The Com’ittee therefore Submit the Consideration of this affair to this Honble: house.—
The petition of Several of the Inhabitants of Charles Town whose names are thereto Subscrib’d, complain that an old Tenement near the dock Street is a nuisance by being built on a great part of the Bay & intercepts the Com’unication between the north & South parts thereof &c: & praying the said Tenement maybe pulled down
The Com’ittee do find the allegations to be true & having examined cap1 Daniel Green who is attorney to the proprietors of the s1: Tenement were told by him that he would not Oppose removing the s1: building provided the Publick would defray the Charge & make good the damages as they should be valued.
The Com’ittee do therefore Report to this Honble: house that they are inform’d by the Honble: Colle: Bull who lately made a Survey of the Town that this old Tenement stands a good way on the bay & that they find the Same may be of ill Consequence in case of an Invasion by being in the way of the passage for carrying the great Gun’s from one part of the Bay to the other & are of Opinion that the said Tenement be Ordered forthwith to be pulled down in such manner as this Honble: house shall direct The Com’ittee take this Oppertunity to observe & Recommend to this Honble: house that an Arch bridge of Brick be built over the Dock near this Tenement as has been directed by a Law of this Province that there may be a free Com’unication from one part of the bay to the other in case of a Warr & that the Charge thereof be defrayed out of the money now in the Treasurer’s hands appropriated for the Fortifications of Charles Town—
The Committee have examin'd the following accounts & are of Opinion they shou'd be pay'd & provision made accordingly in the ensuing Estimate.

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An acc^t: of Charleworth Glover for provisions

Supplyed Fort Moore ...................................... 194– 5–

Ditto of Cap^t: John Crofts attested by three Commisioners ............................... 80., 0.0

Ditto of Tho^s: Barton for a horse lost in the Publick Service .......................... 30., 0.0

Ditto of Tho^s: Goring Taylor for making Indian Cloaths .......................... 10., 5.0

Ditto of John Ramsay for the Same ............................................................ 6.,15.0

Ditto of Tho^s: Lloyd attested by the bank Comm'rs .................................. 113.,12.6

Account of Tho^s: Lloyd for Johnson's Fort ......................................... 7.,15.0

Ditto of Coll^o: Herbert for Ditto .............................................................. 4.02.6

Several accounts of Coll^c: John Woodward for finishing Beaufort fort amounting to 209., 5.0

Deo: on acc^t: of the Scout Boats .................................................. 18., 0.0—

£2074,——

The Committee do also Report their Opinion on Several other accounts:

An acc^t: of Tho^s. Lloyd for Stores £32.10.0 the Forts. & for his overseeing the repair of the Fortifications blank wch: is submitted to the Consideration of this house.—

An Acc^t: of James Rawlings amounting to £55.01.0 of wch: the Committee observe an Article of £16.0 for the expence of one Jones a Deputy Marshall & four others eight days wch: We are of Opinion ought to be disallowed in the account as We belive it was not on the public Service but that the Sum' of £39 the Remainder of the account be pay'd the said Rawlings—

An account of Mrs^s: Sarah Rhett for the parsonage of St^: Phillips Charles Town amount^: to £21.6.10.½ We are of Opinion that after deducting 30s charged in the said account for carrying the Corps of Comissary Johnson from the waterside to the Church &ca: the remaining Sum' being £19.,15.0 should be pay'd out of the money allowed for repairing the parsonages—

An acc^t: of Anthony White for £29.3.,9 for carrying expresses to Winyaw, several articles of wch: the Committee think are over-
charged & are of Opinion that £20 is what is reasonable to be allowed him.

An account Maurice Harvy Provost Marshall for the Sum of £167.15 for the flees of prisoners & for the Charges of thirty expresses the Com'ittee are of Opinion that £120.5 of the s:\ acc:\ should be paid the said Marshall out of the moneys in the hands of the King's Treasurer arising from fines for that the same y:\ Com'ittee are of Opinion that £l20.5 of the s:\ ace*:\ should be paid the said Marshall out of the moneys in the hands of the King's Treasurer arising from fines for that the same y:\ Com'ittee are of Opinion was formerly payd by the L:\s:\ Proprietors: Receiv\r:\ General by an Order of the Gov\r:\ & Council & that unless some provision be made for subsisting the Com'on prisoners either in this manner or by the publick it's impossible to think any provost Marshall can be at ye expence from w:\c:\ many Inconveniencies may arise, the articles disallowed in this acc:\: are Viz:\:

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An acc:\: of C\l,\,. Herberts for £30.,0.0 the Com'ittee Submits to the Consideration of this Hon\b,\: house

The Com'ittee are of Opinion that the three follow\g:\: acc\ts:\: should not be allowed.

these two accounts \} An Acc\: of William Gibbes for £28.---- |
| disallowed | Do: of Ja: Mc\e,\,.gillry for .... 7.,17.,6 |
| this to be p:\: out of the | D\o:\: of Barnabas Gilbert for 10.,10.,0. |
| proceeds of the Indian | sent to Jamaica ........ | 

Wednesday March 17\th:\: 1724.

Order'd that Mr:\: Whitaker & Mr:\: Rob\t:\: Hume do bring in a bill to put in force the Statute of Great Britain past in the 43\d:\: year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth Chap: 4\th:\: so farr forth as it may relate to this Province

The Report of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs & fortifications was brought down from his Excell\v:\, the Gov\r:\, together with the Writt for electing two members for St:\: James Santee with the Church Wardens return—
Mr: Cattle's acc: for Supplying an Indian with powder to follow a Runaway Negro amounting to Six pounds Was allowed.

The house taking under Consideration the 3d. Report of the Com'ittee of Petitions.

Resolv'd that the Exor's of Coll°: John Barnwell do lay before this house an account of the expences on the Fort at Beaufort Town

And the house having gone through the s°: Report Order'd the following Message to be sent to his Majesties Council thereupon

May it please Y'r: Hon'rs:

This house having read & taken under Consideration the third Report of the Com'ittee on petitions & acc:ts: have come to the several Resolutions thereon, Viz: that Coll°: Fenwick & Mad°: Johnson be p°: for each of their negroes out of the publick the Sum' of eighty p°: & that it be provided for in the Estimate of the Curr°: Year.—

That three hundred pounds be given for finishing the Church at Beaufort to be provided for in the Estimate

That that part of the house that Stands on the North end of the bay be pulled down for wch: We herewith send you a Resolution of this house.—

That thirty two p°: ten Shillings of Mr: Lloy'd acc: for supplying the forts with some necessaries be allowed but that he be allowed nothing for overseeing the Repairs of the Fortifications the house thinking it part of his Duty.—

That James Rawlings be allowed thirty nine pounds one Shilling The house agrees with the Report of the Provost Marshall's his acc: & that the article of £22.10 on acc: of the Indian sent to Jamaica may be payd out of the proceeds of the said Indian & that his Excell°: be desired to give Orders accordingly & that the rest of his account be paid out of the fines & forfeitures to his Majesty as was usual in the time of the L°: Proprietors

That Coll°: Herbert's acc: be disallowed

That Gibbes & Mfgilvrays account be disallowed & Gilbert's Acc: be also pay'd out of the proceeds of the Indian sent to Jamaica——

That the money to be provided for building the brick bridge over the Dock Street be pay'd out of the Moneys appropriated for the fortifications

And the house agreees to all the other parts of the said Report

Tho°: Broughton Speak'r.
Resolv'd that Capt: Daniel Green or Mr: Jacob Motte do pull down so much of the house late belonging to Francis Scamp-erton wch: now Stands on the north end of the Bay by Tues- 
day next & in case they Shall refuse or neglect so to do that then Coll: John Herbert Mr: Eleazr Allen and Majr., William Blakewey do give proper Orders for pulling down the Same, that Coll: Bull be desir'd to be with the said Gentlem: & shew them how farr the said house stands on the bay for their better guidance that this Resolution be 
 sent to his Excell:y: the Govr. & his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do Sign ye Same
Order'd that the Act for Sinking the paper bills be lay'd before the house tomorrow morning——
Resolv'd that the Sum' of fifty pounds be pay'd out of the Pub-lick towards building a bridge over the Marsh from the White point & also fifty pounds for building a Bridge from Craven's bastion to the Lotts to the North part of the Town Resolv'd that the first thing the house goes upon to Morrow 
 morning shall be to take under Consideration the Report on Indian Affairs.—
Order'd that the Com'ittee appointed to State the estimate of the Year have leave to withdraw their Report & do meet the Com'ittee of Council to settle the Same as it is altered & amended in this house
The house adjourn'd til to Morrow morning eight of the Clock.

Thursday the 18th: March 1724.
The house mett according to adjournment.
The house according to the Order of the day took under Con-sidera'on the Report of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs & finding that the Com'ittee of Council have made several alterations & amendments in the last Report Concluded on in this house.——
Mr: Whitaker & Mr: Rhett were order'd to go to the Council & to know if they insisted On the alterations & being return'd they acquainted the house that the Council agreed to all parts of the Report of this house
The bill for erecting a Free School at Dorchester & for em-powering the Rector & Church Wardens of St: George's Parish to sell the Glebe & to purchase another together with the resolu-tion of this house concerning the pulling down the house on
the bay & the message of yesterday were sent up to the Council
by Cap't: William Dry & Cap': Jacob bond

Order'd that Coll's, John Fenwick Coll': Chicken & Mr., Hume
be a Com'ttee to bring in a Bill for regulating the Indian
Affairs & that Mr.: Lloyd & Mr.: Allen be a Com'ttee to bring
in a bill to oblige the Proprietors of the front Lotts to
build them up.

On motion that a message be sent to his Excell'y: to desire him to
Com'unicate to this house the State of the brass Coin & the
money Rec'd for Fort King George the following Message was
writ & agreed to

May it please y'r: Excell'y:

The 16th day of June last the former Com'ons house of As-
sembly came to some resolutions concerning the Brass Coin sent
over to this Province a copy of wch: accompanys this message &
We desire y'r: Excell'y: will be pleas'd to inform us if y'r:
Excell'y: did acquaint Mr.: Eyre of that Resolution & that if you
have receiv'd any Letters or papers from him concerning the
said Coin either before or after the s'd: Resolution that your
Excell'y: will be pleas'd to lay them before this house & if y'r:
Excell'y: has rec'd any Letters from Mr.: Yonge or Mr.: Wragg
concerning the money receiv'd by Mr.: Eyre for Fort King
George, We likewise desire y'r: Excell'y: to lay them before us that
this house may know the true State of that money that the
Estimate may be compleated

Tho: Broughton Speak'r.
The above message sent up by Mr.: Cattle and Maj'r. Hext.
The house adjourn'd til two of the Clock in the afternoon

The house mett according to adjournment.—

The following Message was brought down together with the
Bill for founding & Erecting a Free School at Dorchester & the
bill empowering the Rector and Church Wardens of the s'd:
Parish to sell their Glebe and purchase another.

Mr.: Speak'r. & Gent'n.

We have perused the Estimate Yesterday Recomitted by you
with the alterations & additions made by y'r: house & agree to the
same excepting the following articles on wch: We have herewith
sent our Opinions Viz: It is our opinion that the Sum' on the
Estimate for arrears of the Palachucola Garrison is more than is due of necessary there having not been the number of men on pay or provision of which: the same is Calculated.——
That the several Officers collecting or otherwise imployp’d in or about the dutys be payd out of the dutys & the next produce only to be appropriated for sinking the bills.——
That the Gent’ms appointed for the Indian affairs & Garrisons may go five months in each Year & reside among the Creek Indians & transact the affairs of this Government & Visit the Garrisons in his way & the Remainder of the time he will have to transact the necessary Affairs relating to the trade in the Settlement provided that the time he stays in the Settlement be in the months in which: the traders are Ordered down to renew their Lycences that being the Chiefest of his business & that a Suitable encouragement be given for the same
That the additional Wages intended to be given will not induce men to choose rather the Publick Service than that of the traders because as the Publick raises so proportionably will the traders do unless there be a clause to prohibit the Indian traders giving more to their packhorsemen than the wages given to the Soldiers of the Garrisons——
That building the two bridges We cannot agree to
That proper Instructions be concluded on & prepared by the Assembly for the Comanders of the Fortifications & that from time to time afterwards the Gov’rs: & Council add to them as necessity shall Require
Council Chamber  
March the 18th: 1724  
Ar., Middleton P

The house reading and taking under Consideration the above message sent up the following message in answer
May it please y’rs., Honr.

We agree with your Honrs: that there ought to be no more money payd than to the Effectual men in the Garrisons but are of Opinion that the whole Sum’ may be provided for & if there be any Surplus that it may be applied towards defraying the article of Contingencies.—— We allso agree with you that the Officers Concern’d in the Country Duties may Receive their Sallarys out of the next Duties as you propose
We cannot be of Opinion that the Com’iss’rs: of the Indian trade can discharge the proposed business amongst the Indians the
duty of his Office requiring great application & will take up most of his time therefore this house is Stil of the same Opinion that a fit reason wth: a Suitable encouragement be appointed to go amongst the Creeks.

We cannot reced from our Opinion concerning the raising the pay of the men employ'd in the Scouts & Garrisons & We think it will be a very great hardship upon the traders among the Indians to restrain them from giving them what they shall judge necessary to prosecute their business with fidelity——

We shall appoint as your Honrs: desire a Com'ittee of this house to meet a Com'ittee of his Majesties Council to draw proper Instructions for the Comander & Fortifications as you desire

Tho$: Broughton Speak't.

Order'd that Collo. Fenwick & Mr: Nicholls & Collo. Hall be a Com'ittee to Conferr with a Com'ittee of his Majesties Council concerning the two bridges voted to be built yesterday & on Collo: Herbert's account

The following Message was brought from the Council Mr., Speak'r. & Gentns:

We have Consider'd your message and Resolves on the third report of the Com'ittee on Petitions & accounts & agree to the same excepting that part of it on Collo: Herbert's acc: wch: as that work was for the service of this Province thó not order'd by the General Assembly then not sitting. We are of Opinion it ought to be pay'd

Council Chamber { Ar., Middleton P/.
March the 18th, 1724 }

The house adjourn'd til tomorrow morning eight of the Clock

Friday the 19th March 1724.

The house mett according to adjournment.

Order'd that the following message be sent to his Excellv: the Govr: & his Majestie's Council.—

May it please y':, Excellv: & Yr., Honrs:

The house having order'd the act for advancing the Sallaries of the Clergy & the Act for sink$: the bills to be laid before this house have & do find that by the former Law the Clergys Sallaries are directed to be paid out of the Dutys arising upon furrs & Deer Skins & in case the duties on Deer Skins shall fall
Short to answer the said Sallaries the same shall be paid by the receiver general out of any other duties wch: shall come to his hands before all orders & payments whatsoever the duties appropriated to the new Church only excepted, from whence We conclude that there is no necessity to make provision for the said Sallaries in the Estimate of the Current Year since the Treasur'r., is oblig'd by the s^d: act to pay the same out of any duties prefferable to any other payments & if the Treasur'r: shall not pay the same in 21 days after it is due the Clergy may then maintain an Action of debt agt: him for the same wch: Law is now in force & neither the afores^d: Clause nor any part of it repealed nor can We think that the afores^d: Law for sinking the Bills wch: was past since the former Law interfeers with the s^d: Clause in any degree.

By this means We shall ease this years Tax of at least three thousand pounds on that head, therefore We desire Y^r: Excell^y: & Y^r: Hon'rs: will agree wth: us to direct the Treasur'r. to observe the s^d: Law Strictly & to pay the deficiency of the Skin duties to the Clergy out of the other duties as the Law expressly directs.

Tho^r: Broughton Speak^r:
Maj^r: Hepworth & Mr^r: Heyward were directed to carry the foregoing message to his Excell^y: the Govern'r:
The following Message was brought from his Excell^y the Govern'r. together with a present of several Books to the Members of this house

Mr^r., Speak^r. & Gent^n:

We have consider'd y^r: message of yesterday by Coll^e:. Hall & Cap^t: Nicholls in wch: We observe that in that part relating to the duties you say that you agree with us that the officers concern'd in the Country duties may receive their Sallarys out of the neat duties as We propose, when in our former message We say that the several Officers employ'd in & about the duties be pay'd out of the duties & the neat produce only to be appropriated for sinking the bills & We further observe that it is not a proposal of ours but an appropriation of what y^e,. Com'ittee proposed as you'll find in the Estimate.

As to that part of our former message relating to the Gent^n: appointed Com'iss^rs: of the Indian Affairs & his Duty & pro-
ceedings, We are Still of the same Opinion there being (as We conceive) no part of his duty but that of granting Lycences in the Settlem't., wch: may be done in the months of March, April or May. As to raising the pay of the Scout Men We agree to but not of men in the Garrisons, & We beleive that to restrain the traders from inticcing the Men from the Service of the Garrisons into theirs will answer the same end as advancing their Sallarys & therefore propose that it be an Instruction to the Traders that they do not upon any account whatsoever employ or entertain any person that hath been in the Service of any of the Garrisons or other publick Service until they have been thence discharged for the Space of Six Months at least.

Council Chamber  
March the 19th: 1724  
Mr., Speak'r. & Gent'n..

We have consider'd the Report of the Com'ittee appointed to View the armoury & approve thereof & Recomend that the said Armory be forthwith built & likewise Recomend that the old Market house be removed & part of it for Butchers be put on one side of the said Armory & that for the fish &ca: on the other side & that the Pillory Stocks Cage &ca: be put in some more proper place & all other obstructions to the prospect of the Street removed & some method taken for the more Cleanly keeping the said Street.

Council Chamber—  
March 19th: 1724  

Fr., Nicholson

Ar Middleton P/

Mr.: Speak'r., & Gent'n. of the Com'ons house of Assembly.
Hon: Gent'n.

I herewith send you an extract of a Letter wch: I receiv'd yesterday in the afternoon from the Honble: Fra' Yonge Esq'., & with this is a Copy of a Letter wch: I had from Mr.: Sam'l: Wragg, the Honble: Coll'., Fenwick who is a member of y'r: house shew'd me a letter wch: he had from him as did also Mr.: Andrew Allen another Letter from the s'd: Gent'n: wch: I suppose they will Com'unicate to y'r:. Honble: house & if so then you will have a full account of affairs of this his Majesties Province, I receiv'd no letter from the Honble: Kingsmill Eyre Esq': & I herewith send you what Letters papers &ca: I have rec'd lately from Fort King George & I must refer you to the
Honble: Coll'o: George Chicken & Coll'o: John Woodward two of the members of your house for a more particular account of
the said Garrison &ca.—
I should be very glad to know, if you are yet come to any
Resolution concerning the finishing of the affairs before you,
whither they can be done by Wednesday next but if not what
time you would propose to adjourn because an acct: thereof may
be sent to the R't: Honble: the Lords Com'issrs: for Trade &
Plantations &ca: by
Council Chamber } Fra Nicholson
March the 19th: 1724 }
The house read the Bill for raising the Sum' of for
defraying the Contingent Charges of the Govern't: the second
time & past w'th: amendm'ts, & sent up by
The adjourn'd till two of the Clock in the afternoon

The house mett according to adjournment.
Coll'o: John Fenwick Coll'o: Hall & Cap't: Dry were directed to
Conferr with his Majesties Council concerning the Subject
matter of his Excell'y's: message relating to the Market place &
their not agreeing with this house concerning the raising the
pay of the Garrison men.—
The Petition of John Goodbee setting forth that one of his
negroes was killed by the fall of a Tree whilst working on the
roads was read & rejected
The Bill for empowering the Church Wardens of St: George's
Parish to sell their Glebe & to purchase another for the use of
the Rector of the s'd: Parish was read a Second time & past with
amendments & sent up by Mr: Izard & Mr: Cattle.—
Coll'o, Fenwick reported from the Com'ittee appointed to Conferr
with the Council that the Council agreed they would allow the
Garrison Men twelve Shillings & Sixpence 7/9 bushell for the
Corn instead of raising the wages but that they insisted that the
men inlisted in the Garrisons should not be employ'd in the
Indian Trade in Six Months after their discharge from the
Garrisons except such as go as principals.—

May it please y'r Hon'r

The Com'ittee of our house have reported your opinions of
allowing the men inlisted in the Garrisons twelve Shillings &
Sixpence for every bushell of Corn they shall make instead of
raising their Sallarys to wch: We agree, but We cannot but be of Opinion that it will rather impede the Supplying the Garrison with good men if they are not at liberty when discharg'd by the Publick to fall into any honest calling equal with the rest of his Majesties Subjects in this Province & the persons that serve the Public faithfully so limitted will be debarr'd the Com'on liberties & priviledges of British Subjects wch: We think We ought not to give into, the Market house being Rotten & not worth moving We shall take that matter under Consideration at a more Convenient time

Tho*: Broughton Speak*: 
May it please y*: Excell*:——

This house having been informed that some late illegal practices have been in prejudice of his Majesties Customs comitted at Port Royall by a Vessell wch: put in there, We desire that y*: Excell*: will be pleas'd to use such methods as y*: Excell*: shall think fitt that an Officer may be forthwith appointed for that Port to prevent the like for the future wch: We are of Opinion cannot be effectually done without an Officer actually Residing in that place it being so farr distant from the Harbour.

Tho*: Broughton Speak*: 
Mr*: Hume from the Com'ittee appointed to examine the Workmen concerning the Cracks in the Steeple made the following Report

The Report of a Com'ittee appointed to examine the several Workmen who made a Survey on the Steeple of the Parish Church of St*: Phillip's Charles Town
On examining the Several Bricklayers about the settling of the Steeple they say they have good reason to apprehend it will Settle no more by reason of the prodigious weight (being about a million of pounds) & the length of Time that weight has been up & according to their observation they don't perceive the Cracks to widen, but they believe the Cracks ought to be filled up with mortar wch: will soon Shew if the Steeple settles more by widening the Cracks but Mr*: Smith intimated to this Com'ittee in the absence of the other workmen that his advice was that the Publick should not Lay out too much money more about the Steeple seeming thereby to doubt its' Security—— The Bricklayers are of Opinion that there be no more building on the std, Steeple til after next September because the great raines will
try the Same but they do advise that the s\textsuperscript{d}., Church should be forthwith paved round fifteen feet from the Church wch: will prevent the rains soaking into the ground & loos'ning the foundation & they are of Opinion that if the Same be done with Bristol broad Stones it will be much better & Cheaper than Bricks.

The said Workmen inform'd this Com'ittee that the several Gutters of the said Church are very leaky whereby the timbers of the Roof are very much damaged allready & some of the ends of the Rafters begin to decay wch: if not timely remedied by providing leaden Gutters may prove the ruin of the whole Fabrick & they beleive fifty pounds Sterling will be Sufficient to purchase sheet lead for that purpose.—

The Bricklayers also informed this Com'ittee they are of Opinion the roof of the said Church ought to be Strictly Surveyed by some able workmen the said Workmen being asked by the Com'ittee what they expected for their trouble & expenses in making this Survey & Report they answer'd they deserved fifteen pounds.—

The Com'ittee are of Opinion that the Com'issrs: appointed for carrying on & finishing the s\textsuperscript{d}., Church should be ordered to make a Suitable provision for securing the s\textsuperscript{d}., Church according to the Report of this Committee To which Report the house agreed.

The fourth Report of the Com'ittee on Petitions & accounts was made by Mr: Rhett from the s\textsuperscript{d}., Com'ittee wch: he read in his place & Deliver'd in at the table.

Resolv'd that John Salton do leave with the Clerk of this house the fair draughs of Winyaw & Cape Fear & that he be allowed £100 p\textsuperscript{d}s: for the trouble & pains he has taken in sounding the s\textsuperscript{d}., Rivers & making Platts of the Same

The fourth Report of Com'ittee on Petitions & acc\textsuperscript{d}s: upon several matters as follows.

An acc\textsuperscript{t}: of Charles Hart for the Sum' of £215.,11.,8 wch: being Sworn to by his Deputy Sec\textsuperscript{t}: & the Com'ittee not Seeing any Charge therein but what former assemblys have allowed they are of Opinion that it should be pay'd & provision made in the Estimate for the year——allso an acc\textsuperscript{t}: of Benj\textsuperscript{p}: Massey for mending several arms for the Garrisons being for the Sum' of £31., 15.,0 We are of Opinion should be payd and provided for in the Same manner.
Several Account of Colls: Alexr: Parris Publick Treasur: Viz:

Ball$: of an account over pd: on account of £77,0,0
being in favour of the Treasu:............

Acc$: of Sundrys for the use of the Scout boats
& Garrisons & Port Royall ..............

Acc$: of Sundrys for presents to Indians.....

Acc$: of money pd: for saving the Piles after
the Storm in August last ............... 9, 0 ,0

Acc$: of bullets sent for the service of the Inhabitants at Winyaw when they apprehended a
difference with ye Indians .............. 10, 0 ,0

Ball$: on acc$: of entertain$: Indians, Expresses

acc$: of money pay'd for a Gun' for a present to
an Indian by Order of the Governr....... 6,00 ,6

£840,14,6

which acc$: the Com'ittee having examin'd & they having been
Sworn to by the Treasu:, & it appearing there is no money in his
hands appropriated for paying the same, We are of Opinion the
s$: Treasu: should be pay'd the same acc$: amount$: to £840,14,6
out of the Estimate for the ensuing Year.— An Acc$: of
£43, 13,81/4 for necessaries for Johnson's Fort. An Acc$: of
£447,13,11, for repairing Granvill's Bastion this Com'ittee
finds just & therefore are of Opinion the s$: Sum' be allowed as
a Charge in his acc$: ag$: moneys appropriated for these uses.—

Petition of Adam Beauchamp for his Service as Press Master
in the two Expenditions ag$: the Pirates in the Year 1718 &
also for hire of four Negroes assisting him 30 days in the said
Service The Com'ittee are well Sattisfyed of the facts alledg'd in the said Petition & recomend to this Honble: house that
he be pay'd £50, 0 ,0 for his Service——

Petition of the Inhabitants of Christ Church Parish recomending
the State of that Parish to this Honble: house—The Com'ittee
recomend to this Honble: house that the £600 provided in the
Estimate for this Year will not be Sufficient to Erect a Church
in that Parish & that such an addition be made to that Sum' as
this Honble: house thinks proper.—
Petition of John Salton praying the house to Consider the Service he has done the Publick in making an exact Survey of the Inletts and Rivers of Winyaw and Cape Fear
The Com'ittee are of Opinion that the Daughts made by the said Salton are very accurately done & if made Publick of great Service toward Settling that part of this Province & find the s'd: Salton has much injur'd his private affairs by doing this Publick Service they do therefore recomend to this Honble: house that the said Salton be rewarded as this Honble: house thinks proper—

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Resolv'd that this house will make provision in the Estimate of next year for four hundred pounds towards finishing & compleating the new Church to be built in Christ Church Parish & that in the meantime Six hundred pounds be provided in the Estimate of the Curr't: year towards their Carrying on the building of a New Church in the s'd: Parish as was voted to the s'd: Parish by the former Assembly.—
The house adjourn'd till tomorrow Morning eight of the Clock

Saturday the 20th March 1724.
The house mett according to adjournment.—
Mr: Rhett from the Com'ittee of Petitions & accounts made the following Report.—
The Petition of Cap': Francis Baker Comd': of the Ship Albany setting forth that he has been obliged to pay £18.0.0 Dutys for two Pipes of Canary Wines imported in his Ship from Boston when there is no Law of this Province that directs the Same An acc't: of Mr: Saml: Eveleigh for £18.00.0. wch: he pay'd for Dutys of two pipes of Canary wines imported in Cap': Baker afores'd: from Boston & for wch: he does not think himselfe lyable.—
The Com'ittee find that Cap': Baker & Mr: Everleigh have pay'd the Dutys to the Publick Treasu'r: as they alledge——
That Cap': Baker has produced to this Com'ittee a Certificate under the hands of the Collector & Comptroler of the Customs at Boston that three Pipes of Canary & one pipe of Vidonia Wine Shipt on boar'd the Albany Cap': Francis Baker for this Port were legally imported there, & further the s'd: Baker has made Oath that the two pipes of Wines for wch: he p'd: £18 Dutys
here & the two pipes for wch: Mr: Eveleigh p'd: £18., 0., Dutys were the same Wines wch: are Certified as before: & that they were never put into any Store at Boston but taken out of the Canary Ship & put into his own The Comittee have also examine'd the Duty Law in wch: they Cannot find any Dutys imposed on Wines imported here, but such as are brought from the Western Islands or Madera.— The Com'ittee are therefore of Opinion that Canary Wines are not liable to pay any manner of Dutys & do recomend to this Honble: house that the Publck Treas' be directed to repay Cap't: Francis Baker & Mr: Sam'l: Eveleigh the Dutys they have pay'd him & that he Charge it to the account of Drawbacks.—

March 20th: 1724.—

The following Message from his Excell'y: & the Council was brought down

Mr: Speak'r. & Gent's:

In answer to yr: Message relating to the Clergy's Salary We agree with you that the Treas' do Strictly observe the Laws in yr: Message mention'd & to pay the Deficiency of Skin Dutys to the Clergy out of the other Dutys as the Law Directs—— Council Chamber. .

Fr., Nicholson

March the 19th: 1724

Ar Middleton P'.

A Member of the house Representing to the house that Coll'o: Jn°: Herbert had done some extra Service about Johnsons Fort & the Fortifications

The Question was put whether the s'd: Coll'o: John Herbert should be p'd: out of the Publck Treasury for his Extra Service in & about Johnsons Fort & the Fortifications the Sum' of Twenty pounds.—

Carryed in the Affirmative

The Resolution concerning Christ Church sent up by Mr: Barton and Cap't: Bond.

Coll'o: Fenwick & Mr: Nicholls carried up the fourth & fifth Reports of the Com'ittee on Petitions & Accounts.—

Resolv'd that this house will make provision in the Estimate of the next year for the Sum' of Six hundred pounds for finishing & Compleating the Free School to be built in Charles Town & that this resolution be sent to his Excell'y: the Gov'r: & his Majesties honble: Council for their concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do Sign the Same
Order'd that the following message be sent to his Majestic's Council

May it please y'r: Honr's:

This house having Consider'd that Collo: Herbert did extra Service about the fortifications & Johnstons Fort have allowed him Twenty pounds for the same & desire Your Concurrence thereto.

Tho*: Broughton Speak*:

The above message & Resolution sent up by Collo., Hall & Cap*:

Dry

The following message was brought down from his Majesties Council

Mr., Speaker & Gent*:

We have consider'd the fourth & fifth Reports of the Com'ittee on Petitions & accounts & approve of them excepting that article that relates to the Petition & allowance of John Salton who service was performed at the instance of private persons & in Consideration of what they Subscribed for the said Work.

We have also consider'd the affairs of the two bridges proposed to be built at the north & South ends of Charles Town & cannot consent to the building either of them because the Streets cannot be Continued without alterations of Lotts of several persons now absent from the Province whose Consent ought to be had thereto.

Council Chamber } Ar Middleton P.,
March 20th. 1724. }

The following message was brought from his Majesties Council.

Mr: Speak*: & Gent*

We have consider'd your resolves of yesterday relating to Christ Church Parish & allso your two messages just now receiv'd one relating to Collo: Herbert's extra service at Johnston's fort & the fortifications & the other relating to the sum' of Six hundred pounds to the Free School & agree to the same without exception

Council Chamber } Fr. Nicholson
March 20th: 1724. }

Ar,, Middleton P.,

The house adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon
The house met according to adjournment.
The house settled & Concluded the Estimate

The Proposal of Collö: Woodward was read & referr'd to a Com'ittee of Petitions

Collö: Hall & Cap' Bond were directed to wait on his Excellö: to kno' if the Council was sitting for that this house has some busi-
ness to lay before them, & if they are not sitting to know when they will meet. They return'd for Answer that the Council were
gone out of Town.
The house adjournd till Monday Morning 10 of the Clock

Monday the 22d day of March 1724
The house met according to adjournmt: & adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock the afternoon.

The house met according to adjournmt:

Collö: Hall & Majr: Hext were directed to carry the Estimate
agreed upon in this house to his Majes: Council which is as folls:
The Bill to empower the Church Wardens of S't: Georges Parish
to sell & Dispose of the Present glebe & to purchase another for
the use of the rectors of the s'd Parish was read the Second time
& pass't wth: Amendments.
The Bill for founding & Erecting a free School in S't- Georges
Parish was read the Third time & past with Amendments.

Walter Izard Esqr: & Mr: Wm: Cattle were directed to carry
up the two foregoing Bills

The follö: Message was brought from his Excellö: the Govern'r
together wth: the Estimate consider'd & approvd of in Council
& two Depositions & the bill to empower the Church Wardens
of S't Georges Parish to sell & Dispose of the present Glebe &
to purchase another for the use of the Rectors of the s'd Parish,
read in Council the 3d: time & pass't wth: Amendm'ts:

Mr Speaker & Genl: of the Com'ons house of Assembly.
Honble: Genl:

I am heartily sorry that I cannot comply with your Message
of the 19th Instant: that an officer may be forthwith appointed
for Port royal. I have several times fully wrote to the Rt Honble:
the Commissrs of his Majes: Customes concerning that place being
made a Port, & their appointing proper officers for the same.
You have before you a Copy of a Petition of Mr. Yonges concerning that Affair, & the honoble: Coll° John Fenwicke can tell you what was done about it. I herewith send you two Depositions viz: of John Gardner & Dan° Demetre Marriners by wch: you may see how that illegal Trade was manag'd & by whome. Lt Coll° Palmer being a Member of your house. I shall at present do nothing therein till you are come to some Resolution concerning it, and when you have so done that you would send to Council Chamber March 22d 1724. Fra: Nicholson.

Mr° Chief Justice John Lloyd Esqr. & Mr° William Rhett were appointed to Confer wth: his Maj°s: Council, concerning the alteration they have made in the Tax Act on their razing out 2 Shill°s & Six Pence upon every hundred Acres of Land.

Ordered that Coll° John Fenwicke & Cap° William Dry, Benjn° Whitaker Esqr° Thomas Hepworth, Esqr° & Mr°. Eleaz° Allen be and they are hereby appointed a Com'ittee to draw an Address to his Majesty together with a state of the Province in order to obtain Proper Assistance from his Majesty.

The following Message was brought from his Maj°s Council

Mr° Speaker & Gen°

We have considered that part of the tax bill which relates to the taxing of Lands, and are still of our former opinion that five shill°s 6d° hundred is a Sufficient Tax. for the Lands this present year

March 22d, 1724 Ar. Middleton P.

The following Message was brought from his Excell° the Govern°:

Mr° Speaker & Gen°

Upon considering the Memorial of the Com'issionrs of the Free school we find that it will be impossible to go on wth. that good work without a Present supply of Six hundred Pounds. the Money already being expended & the other 10th be loaned to purchase bricks for laying the foundation and building the Chimneys otherwise the work must stand still. It is therefore our opinion that the s°: Sum be added to the present Estimate

Council Chamber March 22d 1724 Fra Nicholson
The following Message was sent in Answer to the above
May it please Your Excell\textsuperscript{y}:

In answer to Your Excell\textsuperscript{y}:
Message just now receiv'd, we take leave to acquaint you that we cannot without a good deal
of Inconvenience provide for the Six hundred Pounds for the
free School in the Estimate it being already clos'd, and the Tax
bill pass't the third time, but we will take care to make Provision
for the same out of some money out of some Money in the
Treasurers hands before this Session of Assembly determines.

Tho\textsuperscript{s}, Broughton Sp\textsuperscript{r}:

The above Message & the Tax bill read & pass't the third time
in this house w\textsuperscript{th}: Amendm\textsuperscript{t}s, was sent up to his Maj\textsuperscript{e}s Council
by Mr: W\textsuperscript{m}: Cattle, & Cap\textsuperscript{t} Broughton

The house adjourn'd till tomorrow Morning 8 of the Clock

Tuesday the 23\textsuperscript{d} day of March 1724

The house met according to adjournment
Resolv'd That Coll\textsuperscript{o} Palmer do defray all the Charges & Expences
the Messenger shall be at in sum'oning him to attend the Service
of this house.

The bill for raising the sum of Sixteen Thousand two Hun-
dred & fifty eight Pounds eighteen Shill\textsuperscript{s} & one penny for de-
fraying the Contingent charges of the Govern\textsuperscript{t}, for one year
Com'encing the 29\textsuperscript{th} Sept\textsuperscript{r}: 1724 & ending the 29\textsuperscript{th} of Sept\textsuperscript{r} 1725
was brought from the Council read the third time & pass't with
amendments.

May it please your Excell\textsuperscript{y}:

The house having read & consider'd your Excell\textsuperscript{y} message of
yesterday concerning the Clandestine trade lately carryd on at
Port royal, & two depositions laid before us by your Excellency
about that affair, we are with Submission of opinion that this
house cannot take any notice of such practises they not properly
lying before us although we shall always as much as in us lyes, condemn all action to the disadvantage of his Majesty. And we
apprehend such Clandestine trade cannot be prevented without
appointing proper officers who are to see the Acts of trade &
Navigation strictly pursu'd which we doubt not but Your Ex-
cellency will use your Interest to get appointed when you go
to Great Brittain

Tho\textsuperscript{s} Broughton Speak\textsuperscript{t}. 
The house takeing under consideration that Coll° Robert Johnson & Mr° Saml. Wragg Merchant in Great Brittain have been very Serviceable to this Province in endeavouring to get the Enumeration of Rice taken off, and the bounty again given on Pitch & Tarr and in several other negociations tending to the benefit and advantage of this Province

Resolv’d

That the thanks of this house be given to the s° Coll° Johnson & Mr° Wragg for their assiduity in the Service of this province

Resolv’d

That this house will take care to make good all Such Engagements, as they have enterd into for the proportion of Carolina In endeavouring to obtain the bounty on Pitch and Tarr to be Continued, and the enumeration of rice to be taken off & that this resolution be sent to the s°: Coll° Johnson & Mr° Wragg by Coll° Fenwicke a member of this house, and that the Concurrence of his Excell°: & his Maj°: hon°ble: Council be desird thereto and that Mr° Speaker do sign the same.

The house takeing under Consideration an Extract of a Letter from Francis Yonge Esq°, to his Excellency the Govern°: representing of what advantage the Swiss propo’sd to be sent hither may be to this Province

Resolv’d

That this house will subsist Six hundred Swiss when they come to settle amongst us, with necessary provisions after their arrival here & that this resolution be sent to his Excell°: the Govern°: & his Maj°: hon°ble: Council for their Concurrence & that Mr° Speaker do sign the same.

Resolv’d

That Coll° John Fenwicke be directed to write to Francis Yonge Esq°, to advise Mr° Peter Purry, that it is the Opinion of this house, that the Savana river on acc° of the great Quantiy of good land upon it & on many other Accounts is the Properest place in the Province for such a Number of People as he proposes to bring over to settle upon.

Mr°: Whitaker & Maj° Hext were directed to carry up the Resolutions concerning Coll° Johnson & Mr° Wragg & that Concerning the Swiss to his Excell°: the Govern°: & his Maj°: Council The Comission°: for Stamping & Exchangeing the money laid the following Acc°: before the house.
The Commissioners appointed to Exchange the paper Currency &c: take leave to Inform this hon'ble house.

That they paid Coll° Parris Treasurer of the first bills they stampt to the Amount of£40000. ..... ...

That they have deliverd Coll° Parris at several times to exchange as his several receipts, the balla whereof remaining due for wch: they suppose he has old bills by him

That there has be burn't at several times (viz:\)

\2546 Whole Impressions at 28/9 \3630. 17. 6
4943 of 5/ $7/6 & 6.3 bills at 18/9 \4634.. 1. 3.
205 bundles of 51 bills at 25/each \1281.. 5. .....
172 de° of 6/3 billes at 25/each \1343. 15. .....
3 ditto of 7/6 de° \28. 2. 6.
10 ditto of 10/6/de° \125. .....
125 odd 5s/ bills \31. 5. .....
140 odd 7/6 bills \52. 10. .....
321 de° 10s/ bills \160. 10. .....
206 de° 6/3 bills \64. 7. 6.

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Errors Excepted

Wilm Dry
Henry Houser
Thos Hepworth./

On Motion, the question was put whether the bill for limiting the time for exchangeing the old bills, read the first time in this house and passt wth: Amendmnts. shall be sent up to the Council

Carryed in the Negative

The house adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon
The house met according to adjournment.
The house taking under Consideration Mr. Mellichamps bill for making salt the Question was put if Mr. Mellichamp shall be allowd a Premium on Salt  
Carryd in the Affirmative

Resolv'd
That the sd: Mr. Mellichamp have leave to bring in a Bill to give him a Premium upon salt.
The house adjourned till tomorrow Morn. 8 of the Clock.

Wednesday the 24th: of March 1724
The house met according to adjournment.
May it please Your Hon'rs:
The Com'ittee of this house who are appointed to settle the Treasurers Accounts & to report the state of the Currency, being willing to proceed in that affair during the recess of the Assembly We desire to know if the Gent: of his Maj'es: Council will meet our Com'ittee during that time or if you will be Satisfyd with their going through the said Accounts & stateing the Currency.

Tho's Broughton Spea'r:
The following message was brought from the Council together with a resolution, concerning the pulling down the house on the bay concurr'd & agreed to.
Mr. Speaker & Gent.
We have Considerd your resolves of yesterday relateing to the Subsisting Six hundred Swiss and approve the same but propose that a Com'ittee of both houses, be appointed to adjust that affair
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Coll: Bull Mr. Skene Com'itt.  
Recom'ended that it be immediately done that an Account there-of may be sent by Mr. Guy.

In answer to your Message just now receiv'd relateing to the Settling the Treasurers Accounts, the Gent: of the Council cannot Attend during the recess but are Satisfyd that the Accounts be gone through & the Currency stated by the Com'ittee of your house.

Fra: Nicholson

Ar: Middleton P.
The Tax bill being compar'd in this house Mr Whitaker & Capt Sanders were directed to carry it up to the Council and to Compare the bills this day to be ratify'd in Council

Capt. Dry & Mr Cattle were directed to carry up the bill for empowering the Church Wardens of St Georges Parish to sell their Glebe & to purchase another./

John Lloyd Esq from the Com'ittee appointed to confer with the Council concerning the Swiss made the following report.

The Committee of this house appointed to Confer with the Com'ittee of Council upon the message relating to the Swiss Reports.

That the properest time for them to arrive in this Province is in the month of December or January that they may prepare the Ground for planting by March or April

That this Province subsist such of them as are not able to subsist themselves with necessary Provisions until the 29th: of Septemr following provided they do not exceed 600 in Number. and provided also they settle upon or near Port royal or Savana River

The above report agreed to and sent up.

Coll° Herberts Proposals were taken under Consideration and agreed to & he consented to go to the Creeks, upon the Encouragement Provided for him in the Estimate.

Adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon

The house met according to adjournment

The house being acquainted that Coll° Palmer, who was return'd to serve as a Member for the Parish of St: Bartholomews, waited without he was sent for into the house. and ask't if he would qualify himself as a Member, he declared he would. & Mr: Whitaker & Capt Sanders were order'd to go with him to his Excellency, the Govern'r & his Maj'es: Council in order to take the state Oaths and the s'd: Gen': being return'd, the house was acquainted that Coll° Palmer had taken the State Oaths: and Mr Whitaker being directed to administer the oath of Qualification the s'd: Coll° Palmer took his place in the house.

The house being required to attend his Excellency in the Council chamber immediately, to ratifie the Speaker & the whole house waited on the Govern'r in order to ratifie.

The Speaker & the whole house return'd
On Motion made that the house would take under Consideration whither it be necessary to appoint an Agent to transact the affairs of this Province in Great Brittain

The Question was put if the house would enter upon the Debate of an Agent Carry'd in Affirmæ.

The Question was then put whether the house is of opinion that an Agent is necessary to be appointed at this Time Carry'd in the Affirmæ

Resolv'd that Francis Yonge Esq. late Agent to this Province shall be the Agent to transact the affairs of this Province in Great Brittain, at the allowance of Two hundred Pounds sterl & Annum—to com'ence from the 25th Instant

Resolv'd

That Francis Yonge Esq. be paid One hundred pounds Ster: for his Services in Great Brittain since he was last paid and that the Sallary & the Extraordinary allowance be paid out of the Money rec'd on Acco of Fort King George now in the hands of Kingsmil Eyre Esq. and that these resolutions be sent to his Excell's the Govern's and his Maj's. Council for their Concurrence & that Mr Speaker do sign the same.

The Report of the Com'ittee on the Swiss, & the above resolution, concerning the Agent sent up by Maj'r Thos: Hepworth & Maj'r Alexæ Hext. Resolv'd

That Coll's John Fenwick, Cap't Will'm Dry, Maj'r Thos: Hepworth, Mr Eleazer Allen & Benjamin Whitaker Esq'r, or any three of them be a Com'ittee to correspond with: Francis Yonge Esq'r now appointed Agent to transact the affairs of this Province in Great Brittain

May it please your honrs.

This house has appointed Coll's John Fenwicke Cap't William Dry Maj'r Thos: Hepworth Mr. Eleazer Allen & Benjamin Whitaker Esq'r or any three of them to be a Com'ittee to Correspond with Francis Yonge Esq'r, now appointed agent to transact the Affairs of this Province in Great Brittain; We desire your honrs: will appoint some Gen'tm of his Maj's: Council to Join the said Com'ittee

The resolutions concerning the Agent, and the report of the Com'ittee on the Swiss were sent down from the Council, read Considered & approved of.
The above message sent up by Mr Barton & Mr Mairant
The following order was sent up to his Majes: Council by Mr
Whitaker & Coll Hall.
£24.10 In the Com'ons house of Assembly March 24th, 1724
Ordered
That Alexander Parris Esq Treasurer do pay out of the
Publick Treasury unto John Brown Messenger of this house the
Sum of Twenty four Pounds ten Shillings for necessary charges &
Expences in summoning Coll Palmer to attend the Service of
this house who was return'd as a Member thereof, the 3d Coll Palmer having declared he had no notice of his Election, and
that this Order be sent to his Excellency & his Majes Council for
their Concurrence & that Mr Speaker do sign the same.
Tho Broughton Speak'.

The following Message was brought down from the Council
Mr Speaker & Gen:

In Answer to your Message just now receiv'd concerning a
Com'itee of Correspondence We approve of the same & appoint
the hon ble Ralph Izzard & Willm Bull Esq's. to be a Com'itee of
this house to join them. And as to the Order for the Messengers
charge in summoning Lt Coll Palmer We cannot consent thereto
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Coll John Fenwicke Coll, Arthur Hall & Mr Nichols were
appointed a Com'itee to Confer with: his Majes Council on the
above Message
Ordered
That Alex Parris Treasurer do pay out of the Publick Treas-
ury unto Mr John Brown Messenger of this house the Sum of
Sixty three Pounds two Shillings & Six pence, in full of his accou't
to this day & that the 3d Treasurer do receive & discount this
order in the Ensuing Tax that it be sent to his Excellency the
Governor & his Majes Council for their Concurrence, & Mr Speaker
do sign the Same

Tho: Broughton Speak'.

To be paid out of the Article of
£500 provided for the Clerk & Messenger.

The above order sent up by Coll: Hall & Maj Hext
The house adjourn'd until tuesday the Sixth day of April two
of the Clock in the afternoon they having his Excellency's leave
for so doing———
Tuesday the 6th day of April 1725——

The following Gen†: met according to the last adjournm†.

Viz†

Coll® John Fenwicke  Coll® George Chicken
John Lloyd Esq'  Mr Sam° Eveleigh
Mr Tho*s: Heyward  Mr Tho*s Barton
Cap† Wm. Sanders  Mr Tho*s Hepworth
Mr Eleazer Allen

The Speaker not being present Coll® Chicken was chose Chairman who took the Chair & adjourned the house till tomorrow morning 8 of the clock.

Wednesday the 7th: of Apr†: 1725

The house met according to adjournment.

The bill to Revive & Continue the several Acts therein Mentiond was laid before the house by Majr Thomas Hepworth from the Com'ittee to draw the 5th Bill.

Coll® John Fenwicke from the Com'ittee appointed to draw the bill, for the better Regulation of the Indian trade, acquainted the house that he had prepar'd the same, wch: he presented to the house & the same was read a first time & pass'd wth: Amendments.

The bill to revive & Continue the Several Acts therein mencond was read the first time & pass'd wth Amendments.

The two foregoing Bills sent up by Benja: Whitaker Esq° and Mr Henry Nichols

The Com'ittee of this house appointed to state the Currency of this Province desiring to know the sense of the house, whether the Money now remaining in the hands of the Com'issionrs, in order to Exchange old bills is & shall be deem'd part of the Currency of this Province.

The Question was put whether the Money, now remaining in order to Exchange old bills in the hands of the Com'issionrs appointed to Stamp the new bills & Exchange the old is and shall be deemd Part of the Currency of this Province.

Resolvd in the Affirmative Nemine Contradicente./

The house adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon

The house met according to adjournment†

The follo: Message was brought from his Excell°cy

Mr Speaker & Gent°.

His Majes: honoble: Council & myself have dispatcht Majr Durham Capt† & Com'and° in Chief & Mr: Arthur Forster Leiu°.
of Fort Moore, & orderd them to wait on your house to shew you their Com'issions & Instructions & receive your Com'ands, & I recom'end it to you to dispatch them to their Com'ands with all Expedition in order that they may send an Account of the State of the Garrison in all respects if Possible before the end of this sessions which I hope in God will be the latter end of the next week or the beginning of the following one because the Court of Sessions is to sit on the Wednesday following.

It is now I think the Principal time of the planting and therefore will require your being at your Plantations for promoteing of which Nothing (God willing) shall be wanting that lies in the power of

Council Chamber Aprl. 7th 1725 Fra: Nicholson

Motion being made that the house would take under Consideration, the best & most effectual Method to bring over white People to settle in this Province. The following Com'ittee were appointed for that purpose (vizt.) Coll: John Fenwicke, Mr William Cattle Cap: Jacob Bond Mr: Sam: Eveleigh, Mr Eleazer Allen, and the said Com'ittee had in Charge to report their Opinion concerning the preventing People running from this Province

Cap: William Dry one of the members for Goosecreek pray'd leave to bring in a bill for settling a fair & Markets in the parish of St: Jame's's Goosecreek and the Question was put if leave should be given to bring in a bill accordingly

Carryd in the affirmative

He then laid the 5th: bill before the house.

On Motion made for leave to bring in a bill to Establish a fair at Charles Town the Question was put thereupon

Carryed in the Negative

Mr Eleazer Allen from the Committee appointed to Consider the best Method for bringing over white people made the following Report.

The Committee appointed to Consider on ways & Means for bringing white Servants into this Province do report as follows—

That they conceive that the properest Method for that purpose will be to oblige the Several Inhabitants owners of Land & Slaves to the following particulars.

First that every person possessing ten Negroes or other taxable Slaves be obligd to hire one white Servant Man or boy of a
proper age to be & reside upon the Plantation or Trackt of Land where Such Negroes or slaves are employd & so in proportion to a larger Number so possess’t

That all proper Encouragement: be given to any Merchant, Masters of Ships or others, who will under take to import such white Servants

3d: That all persons who shall neglect or refuse to purchase or provide such white Servants as aforesaid be liable to such Penalty as this house shall think fitt to be appropriated to bearing the Charges of Importing such Servants: as aforesaid.

4thly: That the Enquirors or Collectors do take an Account of Such Persons in their Several Parishes, who shall so refuse or Neglect & return the same to a proper Person appointed for that purpose.

That leave be given to bring in a bill for those purposes. That all persons intending for No. Carolina or elsewhere not in this Govern’t, either in boat or Canoe or any other vessel, be obliged to put up his or their name, and take out his or their Lycence as in other Cases.

That if any person be taken up by any justice of the Peace or other without such lycence be deem’d as a person running off the Province in Debt, and be Securd accordingly and the apprehender be rewarded.

That such Person so apprehended & brought back be sent up to the Garrisons: & the reward paid out of the first money that shall arise by his Wages.

That any Person aiding & assisting any such persons in their Escape by any means whatsoever, shall forfeit such a Sum as this house shall think fitt.

The house adjourn’d till tomorrow morning 8 of the Clock

Thursday the 8th: day of Apr: 1725

The house met according to adjournment.

The report made yesterday concerning the bringing over white Servants was read & leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the said Report.

Mr. Eleazer Allen from the Com’ittee appointed to bring in a bill to oblige the Owners of Front lots to build up their walls laid the same before the house & it being read it was recom’itted.
Cap't Richard Smith, waiting without & being return'd to serve, for the Parish of Prince George. The messenger was directed to give him orders forthwith to attend the house, & he being admitted in* he was ask't if he would qualify as a Member of this house for the s'd Parish & declaring he would Cap't Fitch & Cap't Raven were order'd to go with him to his Excell'g the Govern'r; in order to take the state oaths and those Gen'ts being return'd, they acquainted the house that Mr Smith had taken the State Oaths., & he being again admitted in Benja: Whitaker Esq'r was appointed to administer the Oath of Qualification, and the s'd Mr Smith having taken the s'd Oath he took his Place in the house.

The bill for regulating of the Indian Trade &c., was read a Second time and pass'd w'th Amendments.

On Motion made the Question was put if Cap't Richard Smith should pay the Charges of Sum'oning him to attend the Service of this house Carry'd in the Negative.

The bill to revive & Continue the several act therein Mention'd Was read the Second time & pass'd with Amendments.

The following Gen'ts were appointed a Com'ittee to draw Instructions to Coll'o John Herbert, Coll'o George Chicken, Walter Izard Esq'r Cap't William Dry and Cap't Richard Smith.

The house adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon.

The house met according to adjournm't.

Order'd that the following message be sent to his Maj'cs Council May it please your hon'ts.

This house has appointed the following Gen'tn: to be a Com'ittee to draw Instructions to Coll'o John Herbert viz: Coll'o George Chicken Walter Izard Esq'r Cap't Wm. Dry & Cap't Richard Smith & we desire your hon't would be please to appoint a Com'ittee of his Maj'cs: Council to meet our Com'ittee on that affair Resolv'd.

That Maj'r David Durham Com'ander of the Savanna Garrison do take the best method he can to get into his Possessions all the horses belonging to the publick now in the Setlements and that he cause them to be sent to the Savanna Garrison and kept there for the use of the Publick.
The above message & the reviving bill sent up by Coll° Fenwicke & Majr Hall.

Cap£ Tobias Fitch laid before the house, an order of two Justices & free holders for paying Mr Roger Sanders the sum of one hundred Pounds for a Negro killd then being run away, and Motion being made that Coll° Parris should be sent for. He attended the house & being askt why he had not paid the said order, he inform'd the house that the Law's being ambiguous he did not knō if the s'd: Order was a sufficient Authority for him to pay the s'd Money and being order'd to withdraw the following order was directed to be drawn

Order'd

That Alexand'r Parris Esq'r- Treasurer do pay out of the five hundred Pounds formerly rais'd, and appropriated for Payment of five Negroes. killd by the Authority of former negro Acts unto Mr Roger Sanders for a Negro man killd in takeing who was run away From the s'd Roger Sanders. & had robbd several People, the Sum of One hundred Pounds, and that this order be sent to his Excell'y the Govern'r: & his Maj'es hon'ble: Council for their Concurrence and that Mr Speaker do sign the same

Tho{s}. Broughton Speak'r

The Indian tradeing bill & the reviving bill was brought down from his Maj'es. Council read in Council a Second time & passt with Amendm'ts: as also the Petition of Charlesworth Glover & Petition of St Bartholomews Parish about a Ferry

John Loyd Esq'r, from the Com'ittee appointed to take under Consideration the State of the Currency made the following report

The Com'ittee upon the State of the Currency report.

That they find the paper bills now subsisting amount to £100585.. - - - wch according to the Course of Exchange is in vallue £14000.. -

That the Trade of this Province is computed to be about £100'000 Ster by wch it appears that our present Currency is but one Seventh part of the Amount of our Trade.

The Com'ittee are therefore of opinion that there is an absolute necessity to preserve the present amount of Bills viz! £100585 and in Order thereto a full representation be drawn & sent to his Majesty with the strongest reasons wch: can be given to induce his Majesty to permit the same & humbly to pray that the
The general Assembly may have leave to pass a law for Establishing the 1st Sum. of £100,585 without any addition or Diminution thereto.

The house having read & Considerd the above report, agreed to the same & Directed the following message to be drawn

May it please your honours.

This house having read & Considerd the report of the Com'ittee on the state of the Currency do agree to every Part thereof.

Tho's Broughton Speak's

Coll's John Herbert from the Com'ittee appointed to State the Acco's of the Church Com'ission's: made the following report.

The Com'ittee having made some progress in Examining the Accounts of the late Wm. Gibbon Esqr Treasurer of the Moneys appropriated towards finishing the new Brick Church in Charles Town, they could not go through the same by reason of a Bundle of Vouchers being mislaid & not yet to be found by Mr. John Caywood his Administ're:

The Church Com'ission's Inform'd the Committee that on the first of January last they settled the Church Accounts and there was then on a balla: in the hands of the 1st Mr. Gibbon due to the 1st Church the Sum of Thirty Pounds, ten Shills & Six pence and that they had Vouchers then produc't to them for the whole accounts except Such as have been shewn this Committee, & two pounds & five shill's charg'd as paid to Mr. Dews & Three Pounds for a barre of Pitch w'ch Mr. Gibbon offer'd in his lifetime to make oath he had paid

The Com'ittee farther report that the Church Com'issioners inform'd them that they were ready to make oath to the Vouchers now missing if requird

The Com'ittee observe that in the last sitting Mr. Gibbons Accounts, a Voucher was wanting for Fifteen Pounds w'ch, he Charg'd as p'd: to Mr. Benja Dennis w'ch, has been now produc't to this Com'ittee so that there was due on the first of Janu, last from Mr. Gibbon only the Sum of Fifteen Pounds ten shills & Six pence farthing

The house having read & fully Considered the above report agreed to the Same.
On Motion that a bill be brought in for Establishing an Agent in Great Brittain. Ordered that the Com'ittee of Correspondence do prepare & bring in the s\(^{d}\): Bill

John Loyd Esq\(^{t}\), reading to the house an Extract of the Journal of Alexander Long. The house Considering that the s\(^{d}\) Long had been at considerable Expence in during the time he Compild the s\(^{d}\) Journal

The Question was put if the s\(^{d}\) Long shall be paid for his Trouble of Compiling the s\(^{d}\) Journall the Sum of Twenty five Pounds

Carried in the affirma

The house adjourn'd till 7 oClock tomorrow Morning.

Fryday the 9\(^{th}\): day of April 1725.

The house met according to adjournment

The Bill for appointing an Agent to solicite the Affairs of this Province in Great Brittain was laid before the house according to Order, & was read a first time & past wth: Amendments.

The reviveing Bill was read a third time & past wth Amendments

The report of the Com'ittee of the Council was brought down from the Council, read approvd & agreed to.

The bill for the better regulation of the Indian Trade was read the third time & past wth: Amendments.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Pon Pon praying that they may be allowd about 6 Scout men that they may have a ferry and that Money may be appropriated for building their Church. was read & referrd to the Com'ittee of Petitions & Accounts, as also one other Petition of the Inhabitants living on the west side of Pon Pon river

The Indian Tradeing bill, reviveing bill, & bill for appointing an Agent together wth: the order for £100... were sent up by Mr Cattle and Cap\(^{t}\) Tobias Fitch

The foll\(^{e}\), Message was brought from his Maj\(^{es}\). Council Mr Speaker & Gen\(^{t}\).

On our perusing the report of the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs We find they were of opinion that encouragem\(^{t}\) should be given to any Person or Persons, that would build a fort on the Forks. wch: we find omitted in the Indian Tradeing Bill. As we think
that it would be of great Service to this Governm't in Case of a rupture w'th the Creeks, so would have added it to the s'd Bill. But we understand that your house was preparing a Separate bill for that Purpose w'th: if ready we desire you would dispatch it the One Depending on the other

We want to peruse the Two draughts of Wignaw & Cape fear Rivers &c. & desire you will let us have them returnd.

To which the following Message was drawn

May it Please your honrs.

In Answer to your message just now receivd relating to the Fort to be built at the Forks, at the Allatamaha River, It is our Opinion that the building a Fort at that place is a private concern & a bill for that purpose would be a private bill. Therefore we are of Opinion that no such bill should be brought in untill some Person or Persons apply's for the same. & lays his Proposals before the General Assembly. And when such Proposals are laid before us We Shall readily give Such Encouragem't. as has been already settled and agreed upon by the Com'ittee on Indian Affairs.

Tho's Broughton Speak'r—

Orderd

That Alex'a Parris Esq' Treasurer do pay out of the Publick Treasury of this Province unto John Salton for his Trouble of surveying the harbour & sounding the Channel of Wignaw & Cape Fear & makeing draughts thereof, the Sum of One hundred Pounds & that this Order be sent to his Excell'y: the Govern'r & his Maj'es. honble Council for their Concurrence & that the Speaker do sign the same

Tho's Broughton Speak'r.

The above Message sent up by Benj'a Whitaker Esq' and Capt Henry Nichols

The reviveing bill brought down from the Council read the third time & passt w'th: Amendm'ts:

A Bill for appointing an Agent brought also from the Council read the first time & passt w'th: Amendm'ts. together with an Order to Mr Roger Sanders for £100.

Capt Glovers Petition in behalf of Lochland McGilvray was read & referd to a Com'ittee of Petitions.

The following Message was brought down
Mr. Speaker & Gen'l

In Answer to your message just now receiv'd in relation to a Fort at the Forks We are still of opinion that it is a Publick concern and therefore desire a Conference thereon im'diately and that a Committee of your house be appointed to join a Committee of this house.  

Ar Middleton
April 9th. 1725

John Loyd, Benja: Whitaker & Walter Izard Esq'., were appointed a Com'ittee to meet the Com'ittee of his Maj'es Council on the above Message,

Adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon

The house met according to adjournm't.

The Bill for preventing the Seas further Encroachm'ts. upon the wharf or Street com'only calld the bay, in Charles Town & for the Expeditions repairing & finishing the Front Wall there-of was laid before the house and read the first time & past w'th: Amendments.

May it please your Excell'cy & Hon'rs.

This house having taken under Consideration the report of a Com'ittee of this house who were directed to Examine several workmen who had Surveyd the Steeple on the new Church in Charlestown & finding several things recom'ended in & by the s'd report w'ch: we are of opinion will be highly beneficial to that Fabrick, we have agreed to it & desire the Concurrence of your Excell'cy: & hon'rs: with us thereupon & that directions may be given to the Com'ission'rs. to put in Execution the Several parts of the said report.

Maj'r. Thomas Hepworth was directed to bring in a bill to empower the Com'ission'rs. for building the Brick Church in Charlestown to run out & Purchase a Church yard in Charles Town

The Above Message & the report of the Com'ittee appointed to examine the Workmen who vi'ed the Steeple. of the New Church in Charlestown were sent up by Mr' Allen & Mr' Hume.

The following report was made from the Com'ittee of Petitions and Accounts by Mr. William Rhett.

The humble address of the Inhabitants on the West side of Pon Pon River setting forth the Inconveniences they lye under for want of a Ferry on that River & pray that a publick Ferry
may be settled at the Plantation of Mr John Parker on the sd River.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of St Bartholomews Parish setting forth that there has been money given by the Publick for building A Church in the sd Parish; and for a Bridge over horse shoe Creek, and that there has never any been apply'd to those uses; and that, that Parish being an out Settlement the Inhabitants are much harrass'd by being oblighd to go on Scouting when they apprehend Danger from the Indians—and that there being neither Bridge nor Ferry on Pon Pon river the Settlem's on the further side thereof will be in immediate danger should an Indian War happen.

The Com'ittee carefully examind into the facts of the Petitions & are of opinion there is an absolute necessity a Ferry should be establisht on Pon Pon river and that the most proper place for such a Ferry be at the Plantation of Mr. Wrixam wch the Com'ittee are informd is about midway between the two places propos'd & are of opinion that leave be given to bring in a bill for fixing the same accordingly.

The Com'ittee are informd that the Moneys given by the publick for building a Church in St Bartholomews Parish and building a bridge over the horse shoe creek, is in Coll° Jno° Woodwards hands, who not being in Town the Com'ittee can only recommend that he be directed to give an Account thereof to this house.

That as the Estimate for the ensuing year is clos'd & the tax law pass't the Committee are of opinion that no provision can be made this year for Scouts or Rangers on the out Settlem's of St. Bartholomews Parish if this honble house should judge them necessary and as that part of this Province is well coverd by the Palachucola Garrison the Com'ittee hope there will be no necessity this year for Scouts or Rangers in those parts.

The Petition of Charlesworth Glover in behalf of Lothland McGilbray setting forth a Misfortune wch befell the sd McGilbray in having his cloths burn't wth. Thirty Pounds in Bills as he was going express to the Savana Garrison

The Committee can no ways think that the Publick should Bear his loss, since they believe this Misfortune proceeded chiefly from carelessness and therefore are of opinion the sd Petition be rejected
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The house reading & considering that part of the above report wch. relates to the Scouts The Question was put whither the Garrison at the Pallachucola fort shall be reduc't to a Com'ander & ten men

Carryd in the Affirmative

The Question was then put whether there should be seven men under the Com'and of an officer having Lieutenants pay, constantly employd to Scout and range, round the back settlements at Ponpon under the Command of a Field officer

Carryd in the Affirmative

May it please your Excellcv & y'r Hontrs.

The house considering the Petition of several of the Inhabitants on Ponpon river are of opinion that they highly deserve the Care and consideration of the general Assembly, therefore we have resolv'd that the Pallachucola Garrison shall be reduc't to a Com'ander & ten men and that there be constantly employd to scout & range round the back settlements on Pon Pon River. Seven men under the com'and of a Lieutenant & to be under the Directions of a Field officer, and we desire y'r Excellency & your honrs, will agree with us in this Expedient for the safety & preservation of that expos'd part of the Province, & we humbly propose that the Lieu, of the Pallachucola Garrison may have the Com'and of the Scouts and rangers, & if he refuses that the person may be appointed by the Field officer who is to have the Direction of them

Tho Broughton Speak

The two following messages were brought down together with ye Bill to oblige the owners of Front Lotts; to build up their walls, read in Council the first time & passt with Amendments.

Honble Gen't.

I am very glad that you have drawn a bill for securing the Front of the Town from Incursions of the Sea & in my opinion one of the best ways of doing it will be to have all the ballast brought to it and I recommend to you that the old Market, a Com'on nuisance to The broad street be pulld down, and a New Market for Flesh be built on one side of the watch house and another for the fish on the other side to range with it wch. if you agree to, I will give Fifteen Pounds towards the
charge thereof and that the Cage Pillory and Stocks be removd to some other & more proper place
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Mr. Speaker & Gen'l.

We think it proper that there be a Conference on the Indian tradeing act. and therefore desire you to appoint a Com'ittee of your house to join a Com'ittee of ours for that purpose as soon as may be.
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Coll° Geo: Chicken Coll° John Fenwicke & Mr° Saml Eveleigh were appointed a Com'ittee to join a Committee of the Council to Confer on the Indian trading Act

Mr° Parker & Coll° Palmer were appointed a Committee to bring in a bill to settle a ferry on Pon Pon river

The house adjourned till 8 a Clock in the forenoon

Saturday the 10th day of Aprill 1725.

The house met according to adjournment.

Resolv'd

That the Vestry of St° Phillips Charles Town shall be and they are hereby empower'd to sell & dispose of the Materials of the old Church in Charlestown to the best bidder and the money reciev'd for the same shall be applyd to the use of the new Brick Church in Charlestown and that this Resolution be sent to his Excell° the Govern° and his Maj° hon°ble. Council for their Concurrence & that Mr° Speaker do sign the same.

The bill for appointing an Agent to transact the affairs of this Province was read the Second time & passt with Amend-
ments.

Resolv'd

That the Com'ittee of Correspondence do insert in the In-
struction to Francis Yonge Esq'. Agent for this Province in Great Brittain that he strenuously sollicite to get Wignaw made a port of Entry and that officers be appointed there as soon as possible and at Port Royal./

A Bill for Building & Erecting a fort at the Forks of Allatamaha, was brought from the Council read & passt the first time wth Amendm'ts: together wth. the Petition of St° James Goose-
creek & the Message of yesterday concerning the Palachucola Fort & Scouts agreed to in Council
The bill for obliging the owners of the Front Lotts in Charles Town to build their Front wall was read the Second time & passt with Amendments: The above bill & the Agent bill sent up by Coll° Fenwicke & Coll° Chicken

Mr. Wm: Rhett laid before the house a Bill for the Encouragement of Makeing salt &c:

Capt Richard Smith laid before the house for vesting the sole right of holding & keeping a Ferry over black River &c in Alexander Montgomery

Mr Parker laid before the house a bill for establishing a ferry from the Plantation of James Wrixam Dec'd cross ponpon River

Maj° Tho: Hepworth laid before the house a Bill to empower the Com'issioners of the new Church in Charles Town &c to purchase Lotts in the s'd Town for a Church yard.

The house reading a Letter from Mr. William Waties wherein he sets forth that the distance of his habitation from Town and his private affairs will not suffer him to qualify himself as a Member of this house & prays to be excus'd for not giving earlier notice thereof

Resolved

That the Excuse of the s'd William Waties be receiv'd and that his Excellency be desir'd to Issue out a Writt for Electing another Member for S' James Santee in the room of the s'd Mr. Waties

The house adjourn'd till monday morn: 10 of the Clock

Monday the 12th. day of April 1725
The house met according to adjournment

The Bill for the Encouragement of makeing of Salt
The Bill for vesting a ferry over black river in Alex° Montgomery.
The Bill for Establishing a Ferry from the Plant° of James Wrixham &c.
The Bill to empower the Com'iss° of the new Brick Church to purchase Lotts for a Church yard.

The Bill for building & establishing a Fort & Garrison at the Fork of Allatamaha. were Severally read the first time & past wth: Amendments.
The Bill for vesting the sole right of makeing salt in Wm Mellichamp his heirs & Assignes for fourteen years was read a second time & passt wth Amendments.

The foregoing Bills were sent up to his Majcs Council by Cap' Dry & Mr Parker.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper part of the Parish of St. James's Gooscreek, was read setting forth the hardships of makeing a new road, wch they are directed to do by the Commissioners of the high ways.

Orderd

That a Clause be added to the bill for establishing a a Ferry over Pon Pon river to exempt the sd Inhabitants from makeing a new road to the Chappel of Ease Goosecreek & to William Smiths Plantation

The house adjournd till 2 aClock afternoon

The house met according to adjournment

The bill for appointing an Agent to sollicite the affairs of this Province in Great Brittain was read a third time and past wth Amendmts:

The bill for preventing the seas farther encroachment upon the wharf or street com'only calld the bay in Charlestown & c'a was read the third time & passt wth Amendments.

The foregoing bill & the resolution concerning the selling the Materials of the old church in Charlestown was sent up by Mr Rhett & Mr Heyward

The house adjournd till tomorrow Morn: 8 of the Clock

Tuesday the 13th day of April 1725.

The house met according to adjournment

The following report was made from the Com'ttee appointed to veiw the Armory.

The Report of a Com'ttee appointed to veiw the Armory under the Care of Cap' Thomas Loyd Com'ander of the Fortifications in Charles Town

In the Armory we find.

771 Muskets in Good order
81 Ditto out of repair but most of them want very little mending
231 Pistols in good order
6 D° out of order.
962 Cartouch boxes & belts most of them want covers.
4 Blunderbusses in good order
2 Harquebusses one wanting a Lock.
149 bayonets
10 Lanthorns.
27 quire of Catridge paper
half a Barrl of Flints
2 long bullet Moulds
1 Large Iron claw hammer.
about 2 hundred w* of Match
Mr Loyd renders an Account of what he hath deliverd out by
Order of His Excell' the Govern' as foll* viz' [Account not en-
tered.]
Order'd That Alexand'r: Parris Esqr: Treasurer do pay out of
the Publick Treasury of this Province unto Alexand'r: Long for
his pains & Trouble of a Journal of his Travels amongst
Indians the Sum of Seventy five pounds and that this
order be sent to his Excellency the Governour & his Maj'cy:
Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do sign the
same.

On the motion of Collo: Jn'r: Palmer the following message was
sent to his Excell'y: the Governour
May it please yr: Excell'y:

Collo: Woodward & Coll'o: Palmer having Represented to this
house that there was not any Shott for the Great Guns at Port
Royall We desire yr: Excell'y: will be pleas'd to Order a Suf-fi-
cient Number of Sizeable Shott for the said Guns & some Muskett
Shott for their Small Arms.
The following Bills were brought from his Majesties Council
The Bill for building the front Wall
The Bill for appointing an Agent
The Bill for Regulating the Indian Trade
read in Council the third time & past wth: amendments & they
were order'd to be engrossed.
Also a Bill for Establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of
James Wixam Deceas'd
The Bill to Impower the Comiss'rs: of the new Brick church
in Charles Town
The Bill for Vesting the Sole Right of holding & keeping a Ferry over black River which these Bills were read in Council the first time & past with Amendments.
The Bill for Vesting the Sole Right of making Salt in this Province in W: Millichamp &c.
The Bill for building a Fort at the Forks at Alatamaha
Both wch: Bills were read in Council the second time & past with Amendments and wth: the aforesaid Bills was brought the following Message with the Petition of Alexand'r: Long.
Mr: Speaker & Gent'n: of the Com'ion house of Assembly
Hon'ble: Gent'n:
   With this you have the Petition of Alexand'r: Long which is recomended to the Consideration and it is proposed yt: he may go for Great Britain in order to give the R: Hon'ble: y: Lords Comiss'rs: of Trade and Plantation a Verball Account of his Journal which if you agree to Tis propos'd that you write a Letter to the Lords Concerning him & that their Lordships be desired to dispatch him as soon as possible to ease the Country of maintaining him there longer than necessary.
   His passage for England shall be given him in y:'e: Cleveland & what shall be agreed upon to be given him ?r: day whilst in Great Britain if you desire it shall (God willing) be advanced him by——

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The following Message was also brought with a draught of Port Royall Harbour & a Muster Roll of the Scout Boats &c.
Mr: Speaker & Gent'n: of the Com'ions house of Assembly
Hon'ble: Gent'n:
   The Hon'ble: Cap't: Geo: Ansin Comand'r: of his Maje's: Ship Scarborough was so kind as to send his Boat to Port Royall with his Master wth: whom went the Hon'ble: Wm: Saxby Esq': and Wm: Hammerton Esq': and Therewith send you the draught of that Harbour and I recomend the said Master & boats crew to your Consideration of a suitable reward for their trouble, only Twelve pounds to the master and Twelve pounds to his men having been given by
Council Chamber
Aprill the 13th: 1727
F: Nicholson

The house adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon

1Incorrectly recorded as 1727. It should have been 1725.
The house mett according to adjournment
The Bill for Vesting the Sole Right of holding & keeping a Ferry over black River.
The Bill for Establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of Ja's: W deceas'd in Colleton County a Cross Pon Pon River &c: were read the second time & past wth: amendments.
The following Message was brought from the Council together with the Bill for the Encouragement of makeing Salt M'r: Speaker & Gent'n: of the Com'ons house of assembly Honble: Gent'n:
I take it a duty every way Incumbent upon me to appoint Thursday the 15th: Instant as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God to be kept by the General Assembly, for the good Account We have receiv'd from home of the happy agreement: betwixt his most Sacred Majesty & the Parliament yr: continued prospect of a lasting peace & the Traquility of Great Britain in General as appears by his Majesties most Gracious Speech from the throne and the Address of the Rt: Honble: the Lords & the Comons as also in a particular manner for the Prosperity of this his Majesties Province the and happy Agreement of the General Assembly who have shewn this Sessions, how much they have at heart the real good & wellfare of the Province & promoting those two Inseperables his Majesty's Intrest and Service and that of this his Colony which as it heitherto been so in shall alway's (God willing) be continued by.
Council Chamber
April the 13th: 1725
On Reading the Petition of John Bull setting forth that he bought a Negro for an Orphan not knowing the duty of £50:0:0 was to be paid to the Publick for Negroe that the s'd: Negroe was Seized by the Waiters, that he hath since paid £80:0:0 to the said Waiters & that the dutys for the said Negroe is paid to the Treas'r: that he hath enter'd into Bond to pay one half of the Value of the said Negroe and praying that that part of the Seizure which belongs to the Publick may be forgiven.
Resolv'd That the Publick Treas'r: do forthwith deliver up to the said Jn'r: Bull his Bond so enter'd into as aforesaid to be Cancelled and that the forfeiture of one half of the value of the said Negroe be remitted & forgiven & that this Resolution be
sent to his Excellency, the Governour and his Majesties Council for their Concurrence & that Mr. Speaker do sign the same
The Bill for Empowering the Comissrs: for building the Church in Charles Town to purchase a Church yard was read a second time & past w'th: amendments w'th: Bill together with the Bill vesting a Ferry in Ellexand'r: Montgomery & the Bill for Establishing a Ferry over Pon Pon were sent up by Maj'r Hepworth & Cap't Saunders
The house Adjourn'd 'till tomorrow morning 8 of the Clock

Wednesday the 14th: of April 1725

The house mett according to adjournment
May it please yr Excell'y:

The house having taken under Consideration yr Excell'y: Message yesterday relating to Long take leave to acquaint you that his Journal has been extracted and layd before the house and not finding that there is any thing therein which can be anyways Serviceable to this Province We are humbly of Opinion that it will not be worth our while to Subsist Long in England to give the account of his Travels to any of the boards in Great Britain even if they could be depended upon the matters therein Contained being of so little Consequence, but we are highly obliged to yr Excell'y: for your kind Offer of being Serviceable to this Province in yr: respect
May it please yr Excell'y:

Your Excell'y's: Message of Yesterday wherein you Signify your Pleasure of appointing to morrow for a day of Thanksgiving for the many good & just reasons you are pleas'd to give confirms us in our Opinion of yr: Excell'y: Piety & goodness Steady Loyalty to his Majesty & his Illustrious Family & yr: particular regard & affection to this Province, and as it seems yr: Excell'y: is well Satisfied with the proceedings of this Assembly, We take leave to Assure you it is a very Satisfaction to us to find that yr: Excell'y: is so ready to promote & preserve a Necessary Unanimity among us, and that We shall take all Opportunitys in giving yr: Excell'y: our ready and willing assistance in advancing the Intrest of his Majesty & the Prosperity & wellfare of this his Province
Order'd
That Allexand'r: Parris Esq': Treasurer do pay out of the Publick Treas': of this Province unto Mr: John Brown for his Trouble in Sounding the Channell & Harbour of Port Royall & making a Draught thereof the Sum of Twenty Pounds & that this order be sent to his Excell'y: the Governour & his Majestie's Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do sign the sign the same——

The Bill for Vesting the Sole Right of a Ferry over black River in Alexand'r: Montgomery.

The Bill for Vesting the Sole Right of making Salt in Wm: Mellichamp

The Bill for the Incouragement of making Salt &: were read the third time and past w'th: amendments.

A Bill for Impower the Comiss': of the new Brick Church to buy a Church yard was read the third time & past w'th: amendments

The above Bills w'th: the foregoing two Messages & the Order to Mr. Brown
Cap'n: Charles: Glovers Proposals of Supplying the Garrisons Fort Moore with Provitions was read & the house agreeing to the same
Order'd
That the Publick Treasurer do contract with Cha'th: Glover to Supply the said Garrison according to his s't: proposals & that Such contract be drawn & sign'd by the said Glover & by the Treas': on the behalf of the Publick & that the same Contract be made w'th: Cap'n: Joseph Seabrook for Supplying the Garrison at the Pallachucola.

The following Message was brought from his Excell'y: together w'th: a Catalogue of Books given by his Excell'y: to the use of his Majesties Honble: Council & the Com'ons house of Assembly together with y': bill to Impower the Comiss': of the new Brick Church to purchase a Church yard & a Bill for vesting the Sole Right of holding and keeping a Ferry boat in Alexand'r: Montgomery read in Council the third time & past w'th: amendments & then were Order'd to be ingrosed,

And a Bill for the Encouragemt: of making Salt &: & the bill for the Sole Right of making Salt in this Province in Wm:
Mellichamp both read in Council the second time & past wth amendments
Mr: Speaker and Gentn: of the Com'ons house of Assembly.
Honble: Gentn:
I herewith send you a Catalogue of books which I gave for the use of his Majesty's Honble: Council & yourselves & I desire that you would send me one or two of yr: honble: Members to joyn the like number of his Majesty's Honble: Council to Veiw them and to propose where you would have them kep't for the aforesd: use for (God willing) my stay here will be no longer then when I can get the Journals & Laws ready to carry wth: me to Great Britain therefore I recomend to you before you break up to give directions to have them done, I hope those books may be of some use and Deversion to you all being so design'd by me.

You have had already before you his Majesties Royal Lycence for my going to Great Britain, where I shall (God willing) do all that shall be in my power for promoting those two Inseperables his Majesty's Intrest & Service & that of this his Province.

I shall with very great Pleasure & Satisfaction leave this his Majesties Governm: to those persons appointed by his Majesties Royal Comission to me for the Governm: of this his Majesties Province and according to the Royal Instructions therein Mentioned and the Honble: Arth: Middleton Esq: being of his Majestys Honble: Council And when I seriously Consider that I shall leave such an Honble: & every way qualified house of Assembly it adds very much to my Satisfaction therefore I do most Cordialy & earnestly recomend to you the Continuance of that great Zeal to the end of this Sessions which I hope in God will be (by Saturday next) but likewise afterwards for yr: promoting those two Inseperables his Majesties Intrest and Service & that of this his Province wch: to have the good fortune to hear of will be most acceptable.

Fr: Nicholson

May it please yr Excell: & yr Honrs:
This house having appointed a Comittee to examine into the Navigation of the River where the Fort is proposed to be erected We desire your Excell: & your Honrs: will be pleas'd to lay before us any Information that you Receiv'd Concern'd: yr: River Mr: Eleaz: Allen Repared from the Comittee appointed to
draw Several Addresses and Petitions to his Majesty, the humble Petition of the General Assembly of this his Majesty's Province of South Carolina relating to private Bills which was read & agreed to & the other Address to his Majesty Concerning the also agreed to.

The house adjournd till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon

The house mett According to adjournment

Orderd
That Alexandr: Parris Esq: Publick Treasr: do pay out of the publick Treasr: of this Province unto Mr: John Brown Messenr: of this house for Sending messages to Winyaw & other places to Sumnr: some of the Members of this house to attend the Service thereof the Sum of £20 & that th Resolution to his Excell: the Governour & his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do sign the same.

Mr: Bull Mr: Long & Mr: Brown Orders were brought down from the Council Concurred & Consented to. The Bill for Establishing a Ferry cross Pon Pon & the Bill for the Encouragemt: of making Salt were read the third time & pass't wth: amendments.

The Bill for Importing and Imploying white Servants was read the first time and pass't wth: amendments—Sent up by Coll°— Hall and Mr: Ashby.

The house Considering his Excell: Message of this Morning come to a Resolution to send y°: following Message in Answer—May it please y°: Excell:

We having read your Excell: obliging Message of this Morning do return y°: Excell: our Sincere & hearty thanks for the present you are pleas'd to make to his Majesties Honble: Council & this house of Books whereof you are pleas'd to Send to us a Catalogue & that they may remain as a Monument of your Excell: great goodness to us We have appointed Mr: Whitaker and Mr: Allen to Consider with his Majesties Council of y°: properest Repository for them Although We are Concern'd at y°: Excell: Intended departure It could wish Suited better wth: y°: Private affairs to stay Longer wth: us, We shall According to Your Excell: desire give directions y°: the Journals of this house shall be gott ready for you wth: y°: greatest dispatch that your Excell: designes may
not be in any measure obstructed or retarded by the means of us or any of our Officers.

We never doubted yr: Excell^y: leaving yr: Governm^e: agreeable to his Majesties Royal Instructions & it is a particular pleasure & Satisfaction to us to find that We shall in yr: Excell^y: Absence be under the Administration of a Gent^m: so agreeable to this Province.

The good Opinion yr: Excell^y: has of this house We Shall Endeavour to Maintain & preserve & have no reason to doubt but our firm Loyalty to his Majesty to the Royal Family & earnest Zeal & endeavour to serve this Province will continue with us to the end of this Assembly as they have happily appear'd at the Beginning.

Resolv'd

That the Comittee of Correspondence be directed to write to Mr^/: Young to endeavour as much as in him lyes to gett his Majesties Confirmation of the Act for Inventing the Sole making Salt in Mr^: Wm: Mellichamp.

The above Message sent up by Mr^/: Whitaker & Mr^: Allen

The following Message was brought from his Excell^y: the Govr^: Mr^/: Speaker & Gent^m:.

In Answer to your Message just now receiv'd in Relation to the River Alatamaha and the Fort designd on the Forks of that River the best information we have of it is that the same is Sufficiently Navigable for the Erecting & Establishing a Fort for the use's Intended & before shew'n you.

Council Chamber

Fr Nicholson

Aprill the 14th, 1725

Ar: Middleton p^t:—

The Petition of Burr^d: hern was read setting forth that he was assess'd in the former Tax when it was not agreeable to ye^e: Tax Act & referr'd to the Comittee of Petitions Coll^e: Fenwick Cap^n: Dry Mr^: Cattle & Mr^: Eveleigh were appointed a Com'ittee to Consider the Scheme for Establishing a Bank in this Province & Report there opinion thereon

The house adjourn'd til tomorrow morning 8 of ye^e: Clock

Thursday the 15th: day of April 1725

The house mett according to adjournm^t:

The following Message was brought from his Excell^y: the Govr^: Mr^/: Speaker
We desire you will give dispatch this Morning to the Bill for Erecting a Garrison at the Forks which was sent down to you from us. We hope that you will be of Opinion with us that t'will be very much for the advantage of this Province in Case of Rupture with the Indians and in a great Measure may be the means to divert the Evil Intention against this Governm't: if any they have when they see We have taken Care to Erect a Garrison near the very place from wch: they withdrew themselves to be at a Greater Distance from us in Order to Secure their family's the better to molest & plunder the Inhabitants of this Province.

Council Chamber April the 15th: 1725

Ar: Middleton

The Bill for Erecting a Fort & Garrison on the Fork of Alatamaha River was read the second time and rejected.

The Church Wardens for the Parrish of St: Johns waited without with their Return of two Members Elected to serve in this house for the said Parish & being Order'd to attend they lay'd before the house his Excell'y Precept & their return & it appearing that Hugh Butler and Peter St: Julian were Elected Representatives for the said Parish they were sent for & being ask'd if they would Qualify they declared they would & Co'll: Hall & were directed to go with those Gent'n: in Order to their taken the State Oaths before his Excell'y: the Gov'r: & being return'd they accuainted the house that they were Qualified, & the Attorney Gen'l: being required to tender to them the Qualifying Oaths directed by the Election Law & hav'n: taken the same took their place in the house.

May it please y': hon'r:

In Answer to Y': Message just now Receiv'd relating to the Fort that was Intended to be built at the Forks of the Alatamaha River in the manner propos'd inform you that upon the Second read'n: & debating the said Bills so many weighty & Substantial Reasons were offer'd proving that such Fort Would be of no Service to this Province that it Induced the house to reject the said Bill.

The Church Wardens of St: Thomas Parish waited without wth: their Return of a member for the said Parish were Order'd to attend & they lay'n: before the house his Excell'y: precept and their return it appeared y': Mr: James Akin was Chose as a Representative for the said Parish they were accuainted that
they were discharged from any further attendance & Mr: Akin was Order'd to be sent for to know if he will Qualify.

The Church Wardens of St: Andrew's Parish Mr: Wm: Cattle member of this house & Mr: John Williams waiting with their Return of a Member to serve in this house for the said Parish Mr: Cattle lay'd the same before the house & it appearing that Mr: George Smith was Elected to serve as Representative for the said Parish John Williams was acquainted he was discharge from any further Attendance & Mr. Smith was Order'd to be sent for to know if he would Qualify.

The house adjourn'd till tomorrow morning 8 Clock

Friday the 16 day of April 1725

The house mett according to adjournm't:

Mr: Smith being sent for to know if he would Qualify himself as a Member of this house for St: Andrew's Parish he declared he would & Walt: Izard Esq: & Cap: Seabrook were directed to go with him to the Council & being return'd they accaninted ye: house that Mr: Smith had taken the state Oaths & Mr: Chief Justice was directed to administer to him the Oath of Qualifications directed by the Election Act and he having taken the same he took his place in the house.

The Precept for Electing a Member for the Parish of St: Helena with the Church Warden's return on the said Writt was brought down from his Excell'y: the Govr:

Coll: Woodward Sole Church Warden for the Parish of St: Helena lay'd before this house his return for the 4th: Parish & it appearing that Cap: Daniell Green was Elected he was sent for to attend

Mr: James Akin & Mr: Daniell Green attending they were Severally Ask'd if they would Qualify & declaring they would Coll: Hall and Mr: Raven were Order'd to go with them Gent's: to his Excell'y: & his Majesties Council to see them take the State Oaths & on their Return informed the house that Cap: Green had taken the said Oaths Mr: Chief Justice was directed to Administer to him the Oath of Qualification in the Election Law mentioned & having so done he took his place in the house.
Order'd

That the Comissî for building the Front Wall and for Re-
paring the Fortifications have leave & they are hereby em-
powred to make use of the Ceder Piles that were placed before
the Bay on the said Work as also of all the Plank and timber
that is loose formerly fixed as a breast Work upon the said
Wall, having first regard to the Fortification in useing ye: said
Plank & Timber

May it please ye: Excellî:

Your Excellî: precept for Electing a Member for ye: Parish
of St : Thomas & St : Dennis being lay'd before this house it ap-
peared by the Church Wardens return on the sî: precept that
Mr : James Akins was duely Elected to a Representative for the
sî: Parish & We are Concern'd to find Your Excellîs: made some
difficulty in Suffering him to take the state oaths but the house
being Unanimously of Opinion that we are the Sole Judges of
our own Priviledges & of the Qualifications of our own members
& knowing no manner of Reason why the said Mr : Akin should
not sitt in this house as a member being duely Elected & re-
turn'd we desire Yr: Excellî: will be pleas'd to Qualify him
as useal that he may take his place in this house as We are of
Opinion he ought to do

Order'd

That Alexandr: Parris Esqî: Treasî: do pay out of any moneys
in his hands unappropriated towards finishing & Compleating
the new free School to be built in St : Phillips Parish into ye: Comissî:
for Supervising the said School the Sum of Six hun-
dred pounds & that this Order be sent to his Excellî: the
Governî: & his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence
& that Mr : Speaker do sign the same.

The house adjourn'd till two of the Clock afternoon

The house mett according to adjournment

The Humble Address to his Majesty from the Council & As-
sembly and the Petition to his Majesty concerning the Currency,
the Order for Six hundred pounds for finishing the free School
& the Message Concerning Mr : Akin were sent up by Mr : Eve-
leigh & Mr : Nichols.
Order'd

That Alexan'dr: Parris do pay out of the Publick Treas'y: of this Province unto Mr: Jn°: Bull Mr: Chris't: Smith & Mr: Henry Jackson Comiss'rs: for Supervising the Ferry cross Pon Pon River the sum of fifty pounds for building a ferry boat for the use of the said ferry & the Treas'y: do receive & discount this Order in the ensuing Tax that it be sent to his Excell'y: the Gov'r: and his Maj'es: Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do sign the same

Mr: Eleaz'r: Allen & Mr: Nichols were directed to Carry up to his Maj'es Council 34 Orders agreed to & signed by the Speaker & they were directed to desire his Excell'y: to send an answer to the Message of this house Concerning Mr: Akin.

Cap't: Bond & Cap't: Dry were appointed to draw an address to his Excell'y: the Gov'r: which they reported & it being read was agreed to with amendments

The house took under Consideration two Petitions to his Majesty importing the State of the Province & Order'd them both to be Comitted in Order to form one out of both.

The house adjourn'd till to Morrow morning 8 Clock

Saturday the 17th: day of April 1725

The house mett according to adjournm't:

The following Address to his Excell'y: was Sign'd by the Speak'r:

To his Excell'y: Francis Nicholson Esq': his Majesties Capt': Generall & Governour in chief in & over his Majesties Province of South Carolina.

The Humble Address of the Com'on's house of Assembly now Sitting in Charles Town

May it please y'r: Excell'y:

We the Comons house of Assembly take this oppertunity of expressing the great Satisfaction, We have had in Your Excell'y: wise administration, and in your unwearried application for the Service of this his Majestie's Province,

And we beg leave to declare the deep Concern We are under from y'r: Excell'y: informing us by your Message that you are about to leave us.

We hope the Situation of y'r: affairs in Great Britain are such as will not keep you any longer time from us and we rest
extreamly Satisfy'd that a Gent'n: of so much Merritt as the Hon'ble: Arthur Middleton Esq': will preside over us in Your Absence.

And as we should think ourselves very much wanting in our Duty to our Country if wee did not desire Yr: Excell'y: good Offices for us in Great Britain during your stay there so we take leave to pray them in the most Ardent manner——

That y'r: Excell'y: may have a Safe & pleasant Voyage and quick return is the hearty desire of May it please y'r: Excell'y:

Your Excell'y: most Obedient Humble Serv't:

The two following Messages were brought from his Excell'y: the Govern'r: together with thirty two Orders agreed to & a Coppy of two of his Majesties Royal Instructions to his Excell'y: the Gov'r:——

Mr: Speaker & Gent'n:

You having left it to our house to draw proper Instructions for the person who is to be sent to the Creek nation of Indians before our doing of which, acquaint you that it is our Opinion (and what We gave in Charge to our Comittee who were to have joyn'd yours for that purpose) that the person undertaking that Service be oblig'd to stay there at least Six months for the Salary agreed upon or be paid only proportionally for a less time if he shall think proper to return sooner

Council Chamber

Ar: Middleton

April the 16th: 1725

Mr: Speaker & Gent'n: of the Com'ns house of Assembly

Hon'ble: Gent'n:

I am heartly Sorry that I can't comply with your Message Concerning Mr: Akins taken the State Oaths: I herewith send you the 36 Article of my Instructions the latter part of which Mark't thus $ I must referral to you And I herewth: send you papers of what I had from the Clerk of the Super': Court by which it will appear that there has been a bill of Indictment found against him by the Grand Jury, for which he had been Tryed before this but that an Act was past for adjourning the Court from last Month to this, and I think the Court is to sitt on Wednesday next then I suppose he will either be acquitted or found Guilty, before which time I think he is not Quallifyed
for me to give him the Oaths except you can show me any Person under his Circumstances to be a member of the House of Commons in Great Britain, and when you have Satisfied his Majesty's Honourable Council & my self in this Point, I shall then readily Administer the State Oaths to him, & as you are to Maintain your just Rights & Privileges so I am under an Oath as Governor to Maintain his Majesty's Royal Prerogative I thank God I never designed to Abridge you of any of your Rights & Privileges nor Assertain his Majesty's Royal Perogative beyond its due bounds in all these Cases if you think your Selves injured, you are to make your humble Application to his most Sacred Majesty & there you may be Assured to have Justice done you

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Hon'ble: Gent:

I have now endeavoured to State Mr: James Akin's Case in point of Justice to show you how ready and willing I am to Extend his Majesty's Mercy & to oblige so Good a Com'ons House of Assembly, Upon your Request his Majesty's attorney Gentleman shall have an Order for a Noli Proseque Sent him by

Fr: Nicholson

The following Gentlemen: were appointed to draw a proper Message to the above Message Viz: Mr: Whitaker & Mr: Allen & having reported the said Message it was agreed to.

May it please your Excellency:

Since your Excellency has been pleas'd by your Message just now receiv'd of Mr: Akin to put the affair upon the Issue of proving to his Majesty's Honourable Council & your self that any persons under his Circumstances did ever sitt as Member of the house of Commons in Great Britain, We humbly Conceive the Several Instances herewith sent you will be Sufficient to convince Your Excellency: We have the justest Ground to Assert our Right in this Perticular

In the 23rd of Q.E a Member of the house of Commons was Indicted of Felony & upon debate it was adjudged that he ought to remain of the house til he was Convicted, For it may be any man's Case who is Guiltless to be accused & thereupon Indicted of Felony or a like Crime And Herewith agreed
Matthew Hale in his Treatise of Original Power & Jurisdiction of Parliament as also ye: treatise call'd Lex Parliamentaria

The above Message was sent up by Mr. S*: Julian & Cap*: Fitch and being return'd they inform'd the house that his Excell'y: would not accept the Reasons without the Speaker Signed the same & the house having taken that matter under Consideration Ordered the Speaker to Sign the same & it being so sign'd it was sent up by Mr: S*: Julian and Cap*: Fitch.

Benjn: Whitaker Esq*: from the Comittee appointed to draw the State of the Province to his Majesty reported ye: following Petition which was agreed to

May it please ye: Excell'y:

This house desire's your Excell'y: will Consent to our adjournment: for some time that We may wait upon your Excell'y: before your Departure & we desire your Excell'y: will be pleas'd to let us know time you design to leave us that We may Govern our adjournment: accordingly.

The house adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock in ye: afternoon

The house mett according to adjournment

Resolv'd,

That the Comissrs: appointed for Supervising the Repairing of the Fortifications & building the Front line in Charles Town have the Direction of the building of ye: New Armory design'd to be built at the half moon fronting the broad Street & that they enter into proper Articles with the Workman for that purpose & that they have Power to draw the money out of the Treasurer's hands for payment of the said Work.

The Humble Petition to his Majesty importing the State of the Province agreed to in this house together with the above Order to the Comissrs: of the Front line & the Message to the Govr: and Six Orders were sent up to his Excell'y: the Govr: & his Maj's: Council by Coll*: Geo*: Chicken & Cap*: Fitch.

The Ingross'd Bill for Establishing a Ferry Cross Pon Pon was sent up by Mr: Parker & Coll*: Palmer.

The following Message was brought from the Council together wth: a Rider to the Indian Tradeing Act & the Petition to his Majesty concerning the State of the Province agreed to wth: some small amendts:
Mr. Speaker & Gent:

This Rider We should have inserted in the Bill before but the Bill which we Sent you you have rejected without a Conference Occations us to send it down now We therefore desire you to give dispatch to it that it may be fairly Engrossed to be put into the Bill before we Compass the same into Council Chamber

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Orderd That the said Petition & the Petition & Address formerly agreed to be enter'd in the Journal.

The following Gent: were appointed to confer with his Majestie's Council upon the Eider sent down from his Majestie's Council

The following Message was brought from his Excell: the Govern:

Mr. Speaker & Gent:

In Answer to yr: Message just now received in Relation to adjourn: of yr: house. I consent to yr: adjourning to Tuesday the Eleventh day of May next having Resolved to Embark about the middle of the said Month

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May it please yr: Hon:—

The house having read & Consider'd the Rider your Hon's: have sent to this house the Act for Regulating the Indian trade are of opinion that the Several Matters in the said Rider mentioned are Sufficiently provided for in the said Act and therefore We cannot Consent to the passing the said Rider.

The Memorial of ye: Church Comiss: praying to be paid out of ye: mon: remaining in the hands of Kingsmill Eyre Esq: for purchasing land for the Gutter was read & Order'd

That the Comittee of Correspondence do draw upon Kingsmill Eyre for fifty pound Sterling payable to ye: Comiss: for building the new Church in Charles Town or their Order & that the said Comiss: give orders that the money be lay'd out in Lead for the Gutters of the said Church and that this order be sent to his Excell: the Gov: and his Majesties Hon:blc: Council for their Concurrence and that Mr: Speaker do sign the same.

Major Hepworth & Mr: Barton carried up the foregoing message & were directed to acquaint his Excell: that if it was agree-
able to him this house would present their Address to his Excell\textsuperscript{y}: Ratification & those Gent\textsuperscript{n}: being return\text{'}d they acquainted the house that his Excell\textsuperscript{y}: was ready to receive the address & that he would Ratify soon after & then the Speaker w\textsuperscript{th}: the whole house waited on his Excell\textsuperscript{y}: the Governour w\textsuperscript{th}: the following Address & the house being returnnd the Speaker laid before the house an Affidavit of W\textsuperscript{m}: Tunley & a paper deliver\text{'}d to ye\textsuperscript{:} Speak\text{r}: by his Excell\textsuperscript{y}: the Gov\textsuperscript{r}: & after Considerng the said Affidavit & paper Order\text{'}d that the Consideration of the said Affidavit & paper be referr\text{'}d until the next sittng of this house Resolv\text{'}d

That this house will not receive any more Messages from his Excell\textsuperscript{y}: the Gov\textsuperscript{r}: & his Majestys Council after this Night by the hands of William Tunley.

Mr: Speaker & Gent\textsuperscript{n}: of the com\text{'}ons house of Assembly
Hon\textsuperscript{ble}: Gent\textsuperscript{n}: 

It is with the uttmost Concern that I am obliged to send for you Concerning an Affair of Mr: John Lloyd one of your Members & I herewith give you the Deposition of Mr: W\textsuperscript{m}: Tunley Clerk of the Council & Assembly Concerning him & what I have said or writ of him I will Justifie & I recom\text{e}nd to you to send for the Records of the Gen\textsuperscript{r}: Sessions in the Crown office concerning him & his wife as likewise the Deposition made against him by the Constables of the late Charles City & Port and I have now under his hand papers to show by which it will appear what a great Lyer he is

Hon\textsuperscript{ble}: Gent\textsuperscript{n}: I think that he ought to Surrender up to the Gen\textsuperscript{r}: Assembly his Original Instructions as likewise ye\textsuperscript{:} private ones w\textsuperscript{ch}: I gave him for I have an account that he made use of some part of them and Published them at the place of Ellection and he hath some Draughts Viz:\ that of the Country for which & some others I paid Mr: Will\textsuperscript{m}: Hammerton by Bill of Exchange 25\text{c}: Sterling and he hath a Draught of this Harbour for which the man that drew it never was paid for & I think there were some others paid for by the Country, the two first I shall want to carry home with me which he ought to have left with the Hon\textsuperscript{ble}: Francis Young Esq\textsuperscript{r}:

His Expression on my Message „a Parcell of Nonsense” I take to be a very high Reflection on his Majestys Hon\textsuperscript{ble}: Council & my self Therefore I hope you will do us Justice in this affair
As for my own part to be a Master of Great learning I don't pretend to but I defye him and all Mankind to say that what I have writt are Iyes like his & if I did not Endeavour to dis

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discharge my Duty in all respects I should Immitate him in Rogu'ry & Villany he had the Impudence Several times in Court to abuse & affront me in the face of which he told me that he would goe for Great Britain & if I would give him leave in the Ship in which I should goe, I do therefore lett him know that I intend (God willing) to Embark on board the Cleveland about the middle of May but he can't expect that I should be troubled wth: such Fellows as he is aboard the said Ship for fear some Misfortune, but I find by the List of Ships here there are Sev
eral bound for London in one of which he may take his Passage if he dare return theither

Honble: Gentn: I think it proper to acquaint you that I think it a Duty Incumbent upon me to be at Sev¹: Courts in Order to keep peace and Quietness and keeping the Courts from being Hectorc and Bullied and as his Majesty has been pleas'd to entrust his Justice and Mercy in my power by being at the Sev¹: Courts I shall be the better able to distribute them. And I was willing to heal the private Causes the better to inform my self of the nature of them in case any Should come before me in Chan
cery.—

I had the Honr: when Govr: of Virginia to have all the appeals as well as Original Causes come before me and I thank God that in all of them there was but one appeal home and I sent to have it taken in short hand wth: my freind & Correspondent (the late Mr: Perry) sent me it happen'd to be a point in Law I think upon a Statute and the late Lord Cheif Justice Holt whose Charracter is Sufficiently Known was in the Same Opinion as

Fr: Nicholson

Council Chamber
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Wm: Tunley Clerk of the Council & Assembly Deposseth that being Sent to ye: Com'ons house this morning with a Message from his Excellt: the Governr: of Yesterday's date to Mr: Speaker & the Com'ons House of Assembly in Relacon to Mr:

James Akins in the time of the Deponents reading the latter part of the said Message concerning his Excellt's: giving Order (on their desire) to the Attorney Genl: for a Noli Prosequi John
Lloyd Esq\(^1\): a Member of that house said or Spoke (as the deponent verily believes with Relation to the said Message) the words following Viz\(^4\): a parcel of Nonsense. witness my hand this Seventeenth day Aprill 1725

In Council Aprill ye: 17\(^{th}\): 1725 WM: Tunley Clk Cou\(~\)

Sworn to before me

Ar: Middleton

Cap\(^1\): Butler and Cap\(^n\): Bond were Order\(^d\) to carry up the Indian Trading Act & to acquaint the Council that they could not think of making any Alteration in the said Bills & to acquaint his Excell\(^y\): that the house his ready to Ratify & those Gent\(^n\): being return\(^d\) they informed the House that his Excell\(^y\), said he would not Ratify any Laws until he had an Answer to the paper deliver\(^d\) to the Speaker & the House considering the said answer order\(^d\) the following Message to be sent

May it please yr: Excell\(^y\):

The affidavit & the other paper that your Excell\(^y\): was please to Deliver to the Speaker having been read in this House We take leave to acquaint you that as this Sessions has been long and the buisiness of the Province so happily brought to a near Conclusion we have refer\(^d\) the Consideration of the said affidavit & paper until the next sitting of the Assembly and We beg yr: Excell\(^y\): will be pleas\(^d\) to Ratify the Laws before you The above Message sent up by Maj: Hepworth & Coll\(^p\): Hall The following Message was brought from his Excell\(^y\): the Gov\(^r\):—

Mr/ Speaker & Gent\(^n\):

In Answer to your Message just now receiv\(^d\) I hope that the Members of yr: Hon\(^ble\): House that heard Mr: John Lloyd speak the words Mentioned in Mr: Tunley’s affidavitt will be so just to this his Majesties Governm\(^t\): as to declare it in yr: house and that you will agree to cause him to deliver up the Draught he now hath but that he may keep the frames to himself, I hope you will Comply with this my reasonable Proposal and then you come up to the Council Chamber to see Your Laws Ratify’d—

Council Chamber

Aprill the 17\(^{th}\): 1727\(^1\) Fr: Nicholson

The Comittee on Petitions and Accounts Report on three accounts refer\(^d\) to them as Follows.—

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\(^1\) The figure should have been 5.
An Account of £14.10 for Sundry writings drawing & ingrossing Act by Charles Burley-
An Account of John Bucknall for £14:3 for the same Both wch: accounts we think are reasonable & that an Order on the Treasurer be drawn for the same.
An Account of Rich'd: Alleine Esq'r: for the sum of £35, for drawing three Acts & Ingrossing the Front line Act. The Committee are of Opinion £30. only be allowed him for the said account And that an Order be drawn for the same.
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May it please y'r: Excell'y:
The Message y'r: Excell'y: was pleas'd to send to us just now (as this house apprehends) Consists of two parts wch: with Great Submission We think can have very little relation to the Ratification of our Laws which is a matter of the highest importance to this his Majesties Province, & those two parts of your Excell'y: Message will naturally fall under the Consideration of this house at the next meeting thereof according to our Resolutions & our Message this Evening sent to you & therefore as it is much to late to night to make any enquiry's into those affairs we hope that you'll be pleas'd to Ratify the Laws now lying before y'r: Excell'y: & his Majesties Honble: Council.—
The above Message sent up by Coll: Hall & Cap'n: Bond
The Messenger informed the house that Mr: Tunley was below and had told him that he was sent to Comand the house to attend his Excell'y: in the Council Chamber the house then Order'd the Messenger to tell Mr: Tunley that they expected he would deliver the said Message in the house y'é: messenger returning acquainted the house that Mr: Tunley said he was sent to Order the house to come up to Ratify & then went away upon wch: the following Message was order'd to be drawn to his Excell'y:
May it please y'r: Excell'y:
The last written Message your Excell'y: was pleas'd to send to this house by Mr: Tunley he brought & laid down in a very undecent manner & refused to read it, the last order of y'r: Excell'y: to go up to Ratify brought by him was not deliver'd in the house but below stairs he told our Messenger that y'r: Excell'y: comanded us to come up to Ratify, the house then orderd

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the Messenger to acquaint him that they expected he would come into the house & inform us of ye: Excell'y: pleasure which he utterly refused to do and went away in such a manner as is not agreeable to the treatment due to the hon'ble: house of Assembly of this province these indignity's can never we are perswaded be agreeable to ye: Excell'y: good Inclinations to us, or to those of his Majestys Hon'ble: Council with whom we have always endeavour'd to Maintain the strictest friendship & Unanimity & therefore we must be of Opinion that they are insolency offer'd from himself but as it is not possible for us receive a Message deliver'd in such a manner & as we are Extreamly inclinable to do every thing that's agreeable to your Excell'y: & Consistant with the Hon'r: of this house we beg you'll please to inform us if it is your Excell'y: pleasure that we should wait on you to Ratify

Mr: Tunley informed the house that his Excell'y: required the Attendance of this house to Ratify.

The Speaker & the house waited on his Excell'y: to Ratify and the Speaker was directed to deliver the above Message to the Gov'r: after Ratification and to acquaint his Excell'y: that it was intended to be sent before, the Speaker with the House return'd after Ratifying the following Laws——-

Order'd

That the Comittee on the Treasurers accounts do settle and Close the said accounts before the next sitting of ye: Assem'ly: and have their Report ready against the time——

Order'd

That the Comittee of Correspondence do prepare proper Instructions to the Agent in Great Britain during the Recess of the house and that they lay the said Instructions before the house at the first of their next meeting

Order'd

That the Comittee appointed to draw Instructions to the Agent to go to the Creeks do prepare the same against the next sitting of the house.

The house adjourn'd until Tuesday the Eleventh of May 4 of the Clock in the afternoon having his Excell'y: leave for so doing——
Tuesday May the 11\textsuperscript{th}: 1725

The house mett According to adjournment & adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

Wednesday the 12\textsuperscript{th}: of May 1725

The house mett according to adjournment

The last days Journal of the last sitting of ye: house was read

The house have Maturely consider'd his Excell\textsuperscript{y}': Message to this house of the 12\textsuperscript{th}: of last month relating to Mr: Lloyd a member of this house his Speaking some words in this house ye: day

Resolv'd that it does not appear to this house that ye: words Spoke in house by Jn\textsuperscript{o}: Lloyd Esq': at the last sitting thereof had any relation to his Excell\textsuperscript{y}': the Gov\textsuperscript{rs}: Message then reading in the house by Mr: Will\textsuperscript{m}: Tunley.

And then ye: following message was Orderd to be sent to his Excell\textsuperscript{y}': the Gov\textsuperscript{r}:

May it please ye: Excell\textsuperscript{y}':

This house having Maturely consider'd ye: Excell\textsuperscript{y}': Message to this house of the 17\textsuperscript{th}: of last month relating to Mr: Lloyd's speaking some words in this house that day, have Resolv'd that it doe's not appear to this house that the words spoke in the house by the said Mr: Lloyd at the last sitting thereof had any relation to your Excell\textsuperscript{y}': Message then reading in the house by Mr: Will\textsuperscript{m}: Tunley

Tho\textsuperscript{o}: Hepworth Esq': laid before this house a Letter from Mr: John Lloyd directed to The Hon\textsuperscript{bl}: Thomas Hepworth Cheif Justice of South Carolina dated the 3\textsuperscript{rd}: day of May 1725 together with w\textsuperscript{th}: an humble Memorial of John Lloyd Gent\textsuperscript{w}: deputy postmaster General of America To his Majesty which was sent to the said Thomas Hepworth Esq': Cheif Justice with the aforesaid and informed the house that he apprehended that the said Memorial reflected on his Excell\textsuperscript{y}': the Govern\textsuperscript{r}': his Maj\textsuperscript{ys}: Council & this house & therefore he thought it is duty to deliver them to the house which Letter and Memorial being read.

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this house that in the s\textsuperscript{d}: Letter and Memorial there is not any thing Contained w\textsuperscript{ch}: reflects upon the Hon\textsuperscript{r}: of this house—
& then the said Letter and Memorial by order of the house were deliver'd back to the Cheif Justice.

The house adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock afternoon

The house mett according to adjournment
Coll°, George Chicken laid before the house Letters from Cap°: Will°: Hatton from the Cheerokees & a Journal of Alex°: Mc°:Queen amongst the Creeks
Order'd That the Comittee formerly appointed on Indian affair do examine And°: White who lately came from the Cheerokees upon Oath relating to the present Scituation of Affairs in that place——
May it please y°: hon°:s:

This house having read & Consider'd some Letters and Papers from Mr°: Hatton from the Cheerokees do think y°: the present Circumstances of that Nation of Indians deserves the emidiate Consideration of this house We have therefore Directed the Comittee of our House formerly appointed on Indian affairs to examine And°: White upon Oath who lately came from the Cheerokees and We desire your Honours to give that matter in charge to the Gent°: of his Majesties Hon°: Council who were also of that Comittee.

The Message drawn this Morning relating to Mr. Lloyd & the above Message were sent up by Mr°: Geo°: Smith Esq°: & Mr°: Henry Nichols——
Mr°: Secretary Hart brought from his Excell°: the Gov°: the Petition of Several Inhabitants of Charles Town relating to the Comand of Johnson's Fort the petition of Jn°: Stone the present State of Johnson's Fort & the petition of Jn°: Chester
The Petition of Several of the Inhabitants of Charles Town were read and being Consider'd and Debated
The Question was put whether y°: prayer of the said Petition should be granted Carried in y°: Negative
The Petition of John Stone was read and Comitted to the Comittee of Petitions
The following Message was brought from his Excell°: by Mr°: Sec°: Hart
Mr°: Speaker & Gent°: of the Com°:s house of Assembly
Honble: Gentn:  
I just now receiv'd yr Message Concerning Mr: John Lloyd reflecting on myself & his Majestes Honble: Council to a very high degree for the words Sworn against him could have Relation to nothing else; and I am heartily Sorry that you beleive that man before his Majesty's Honble: Council Council Chamber  
Fr: Nicholson  
May the 12th: 1725  
The house reading & taken under Consideration the Petition of John Chester,  
Resolv'd  
That Alexander Parris Esq: Treasr: do pay out of yr publick Treasury of this province into the hands of Coll°: George Chicken for the use of the sd: Jn°: Chester the Sum of forty pounds for one Year & that the said Coll°: Chicken do dispose of the same to the sd: Chester as he thinks fitt & that this Resolution be sent to his Excell°: the Govr: and his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence and that Mr: Speaker do sign the Same  
Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Majesties Council the followg: Message together wth: a Copy of a Letter from James Moore Speaker to Mr: John Lloyd dated the 27th: October 1721 & the Secry: acquainted the house that his Excell°: desired to know what Mr/: Lloyd had done in the affair therein mentioned Mr/: Speaker & Gentn: of the Comons house of Assembly  
Honble: Gentn:  
We cannot but take notice of the little Credit you give to the Message sent you from this house on the 17th: of last month and the Slight you Shew to the Indignity thereto by Mr/: John Lloyd a Member of yours. & you must not take it amiss, if (for the future) We make the Same return to any Message we have or shall receive from you.  
Signed by Order of the Council this 5th: day of May 1725  
Ar: Middleton P  
Mr: Rhett from the Comittee to whom Jn°: Stones Petitions was referr'd made the following Report  
That they are fully informed by the sd: Jn°: Stone & others that an Indian Man of the Cusso Nation did without any manner of Provocation willfully Shoot dead a Negro Man Slave of the sd: Jn°: Jones as he was Working in his Plantation
That the said Stone was not willing to Prosecute the said Indian but contented himself with assurances that ye: Governm't: made him to Oblige that Nation of Indians to make him Satisfaction.

That no Satisfaction has yet been made for the s'd: Negroe by the Indians, and the Comittee are of Opinion that its Impracticable and therefore Recomend to this Honble: house that as there is Money in the Treas'rs: hands for such purposes the s'd: Stone may have an Order on the Treasurer for £100 According to the Prayer of the s'd: Petition.

The above Report being read was agreed to by the house

The above Report agreed to and the Resolution Concern'g: John Chester was sent up to his Maj'ty: Council by Cap't: Fitch & Mr: Parker

Resolv'd

That the Comiss'rs: appointed by Law to Supervise the building the Front Line in Charles Town do agree with Workmen to finish the Work to be done at Johnsons Fort & that the Comand'r: of the said Fort for the time being have the direction of the said Work.

Resolv'd

That the Comiss'rs: for Supervising the Building the Front Line have Power and they are empower'd to give directions for doing any thing of Necessary Work to Johnson Fort as far as the Money appropriated for that use will go & that they have Power to draw for the said money out of the hands of the Treasurer & that this Order be sent to his Excell'y: the Govern'r: & his Maj'ty: Honble: Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speak'r: do sign the same——

Mr. Secretary Hart brought from his Excell'y: the Gov'r: the following Message & at

Mr: Speaker and Gent'n: of the Com'ns house of Assembly

Honble: Gent'n:

I was in hopes that you would have sent an Answer Concerning Mr: John Lloyd's keeping the Draughts &c: & likewise his Surrendering his Instructions, & if any damage (for want of Complying herewith) happens to this his Majesties Province you are to Answer for it and not

Fr: Nicholson
Honble: Gentn:  
I cannot but take notice of Jn°: Lloyds Walking by me just now very Impudently with his long Sword & that you may have his true Character, I herewith send you Several Querys for the said Lloyd to answer there having been Several Querys once dropt & laid by the Window of Council Chamber  
Fr: Nicholson  
May the 12th: 1725  
The Question was put whether the Querys which Mr: Secretary Hart brought from the Governr: & the said Secretary informed the house had been dropt under ye: Gov's: Window should be read Carried in ye: Negative  
Resolv'd  
That Mr: Lloyd be order'd to lay before this house the Several Maps he Carried to Great Britain to Morrow Morning  
The house adjourn'd til to Morrow Morning 8 of the Clock  
Thursday Morning the 13th: day of May 1725  
The house mett according to adjournment  
Order'd  
That Alexandr: Parris Esq: Treasurer do pay out of the Publick Treasury of this Province unto John Stone for a Negro man formerly kill'd by a Cussoe Indian the Sum of One hundred pounds and that this Resolution be sent to his Excellv: the Governr: & his Majesties Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do sign the same.  
The above Mentiond Order sent up by Coll°: Chicken & Coll Hall "who were directed to desire the favour of the Company of his Excellv: & the Council to dine with House to morrow  
Resolv'd  
That Willm: Cattle Esq": be desired to send for the head men of the Cussoe Indians and that he acquaint them that ye: Governm't expects that their Nation will make Satisfaction for a Negro man lately belonging to John Stone which was kill'd by one of their People either by delivering up the Fellow that committted the Murder or by paying into the said Mr: Cattles hands the Sum of One Hundred pounds & that it be at the Direction of the said Mr: Cattle to give them what time he thinks Necessary for the payment of the said money, & that this Reso-
olution be sent to his Excell\^y: the Gov\^r: & his Majesties Council for their Concurrence & that Mr\^r: Speaker do sign the Same.

Mr\^r: Eleaz\^r: Allen Acquainted the house that he was ready to "make the Report from the Committee appointed to the Treas\^r: account if the house was ready to receive the same & being Order'd so to do he read the said Report in his place and deliver'd the same in at the Table and ye: said Report being again read by the Clerk the house agreed to the Same.

John Lloyd Esq\^r: lay'd before the house ten draughts Maps & & Prospects of the Church which he said he had when he went Agent for this Province to Great Brittain

Mr\^r: Secretary Hart brought from Excell\^y: the Gov\^r: three Orders Concurr'd and Consented to in Council

Resolv'd

That such of the Maps & Draughts laid before the house by Mr\^r: John Lloyd which are not already paid for by the Gov\^r: shall be paid for out of the Publick Treasury of this Province to such persons as drew them and that the said Mr\^r: Lloyd be paid for the Frames which he caused to be made for them in Great Britain

Upon wch: the following Message was Sent

May it please y\r: Excell\^y:

Mr\^r/: John Lloyd According to the Order of this House having laid before this House the Several Maps and Draughts which were deliver'd to him when Agent of this Province & we having Come to a Resolution that the Several Persons who were not paid for drawing the said Maps & Draughts shall be paid for the same & we herewith Sent to your Excell\^y: the said Maps and Draughts such of them as y\r: Excell\^y: has paid for You'll please to keep & if your Excell\^y/: thinks any other of them will be Serviceable to you upon your going to Great Britain we desire you'll please to carry them with you & if not that they may remain here for the use of the Publick this house being of Opinion that they may be of very great Service to this Province.

We having Consider'd of Mr\^r: Lloyd's delivering his Original Instructions up but as they are a Justification to him for what he did in that Trust we are of opinion he ought to keep them for that purpose.
Mr: Lloyd being ask’d According to yr Excell’s Desire what he did upon the Letter sent to him sign’d by yr Excell: the Pressid: of his Majesty’s Council concerning St: Augustine & the late Coll: Moore informed the house that he Communicated the same to the R: Honble: the Lord Carteret then one of his Majesties Principal Secretaries of State.

Coll: Fenwick & Coll: Hall were directed to carry up ye foregoing Message together with the Maps to his Excell:y: & the Resolution Concerning the Comiss: of the Front line Super- vising Johnson Fort—

Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Excell:y: the Govr: the following Message.

Mr: Speaker and Gent: of the Com’ons house of Assembly Honble: Gent:

I cannot but recomend to you the affairs of ye Great Number of Publick Houses in this Town wch: I take to be of very ill Consequence to the Trade of the whole Province in Respect to Seafaring men

I Likewise recomend to you the affair of the Pilott’s for by their Present Managem’t: and Also in some measure they Comand the Trade in bringing over Vessells & earring them out when they please

I also Recomend to you the affairs of the Great Number of Indian Traders wch: causes a Larger Quantity of goods to be carried amongst the Indians then their necessity requires Especially among the Creeks who are so near Neighbours to the French & Spaniards, the Number of English men & Quantity of Goods with them I heartily wish may not be a reason for the Creeks to Seize both the Indian Traders & their goods— Therefore that Coll: Herbert may be dispatch’d wth: all Expedition are the hopes of

Council Chamber

Fr: Nicholson

May the 13th: 1725.

Orderd

That Mr: William Rhett Capt: Daniell Green and Mr: Eveleigh be a Comittee to Inspect the Pylot Laws & inquire into ye state of the Pilotage during the Recess of the house and that they Report their opinion how they think that affair may be best regulated—
May it please yr: Excellv:
The house having read & Consider'd Yr: Excellv: Message just now receiv'd in answer to the first part of it relating to the Publick Houses in Charles Town We take leave to acquaint you that the Reason that there appears to be so many licences is because no persons is permitted to sell Strong Liquors in a less Quantity then three Gallons, but that very few more than a Quart*: part of them keep Public Houses and we are of Opinion that they are Laws in being which Sufficiently provide for their Regulation——

The house having taken under Consideration the affair of the Pilotage as we apprehend it is to late this sitting to pass any Law relating to that matter We have appointed a Committee to Inspect the Pilot Law Examine the Pylott & to consider of the best method to Regulate that Affair & to report their Opinion to this house at the next meeting thereof that an Act may be past as soon as may be to settle that Necessary business

As to the last part of yr: Excellv: Message relating to the Indian as the Comittee on Indian Affairs are to meet this afternoon We think it will be proper that the said Comittee may have that matter in charge and report their Opinion before we come to any Resolution thereupon

Coll*: Chicken and Capt*: dry were directed to Carry up the Address and two Petitions to his Majesties Council & the Report of yr: Comittee on the Treas*: Accounts among which the following Address was not enterd in the last Journal

The house adjourn'd till 2 a Clock afternoon

The house mett according to adjournm*:
Mr*: Secretary Hart brought from his Maj*es: Council the following Message together with an Address & two Petitions to his Majesty sign'd by the Presid*: of the Council and the Speaker—Mr Speaker and Gent*: of the Comon's house of Assembly
Honble*: Gent*:

Herewith we return you the Petition and Addresses to his Majesty Sign'd by our house and I hope you will joyn with us in desiring his Excellv: the Govern*: to present them to his Majesty on his Arrival in Great Britain and that you will send them back to us to deliver to his Excellv: for that purpose

Sign'd by order of the Council
May the 13th: 1725——

Ar: Middleton P.
To which the following Message was sent by Cap't: Dry and Mr. Parker who also carried up the address & Petitions and ye: message of this Morning——

May it please ye: Hon'r:

In Answer to ye: Message to this house Concerning the presenting the address and Petitions to his Maj'ly: if your Hon'r: are of Opinion that his Excell'y: will take that Trouble upon him when he Arrives in Great Britain We shall readily joyn with ye: Hon'r: in the most agreeable Manner to desire the favour of his Excell'y: & herewith we send you back the said Address and Petitions.

Mr.: Akins being sent for to know if he would Qualify as a Member of this house declared he would & Mr.: Cattle & Mr.: Julien were directed to go with him to his Excell'y: & the Council in Order to his taking the State Oaths & being return'd those Gent'n: acquainted the House that the said Mr.: Akins was Sworn in Council, Mr.: Cattle was then Order'd to administer to the sd: Mr.: Akins the Oaths of Qualification directed to be taken by the Election Act wch: being done he took his place in ye: House. Cap't: Butler and Mr.: Heyward were Order'd to carry to his Excell'y: the Petition to his Majesty setting forth the State of ye: Province

Mr.: Secretary Hart brought from his Majestys Council the following Message together with the Resolution Concerning Johnson's Fort agreed to in Council & the following Answer was directed to be drawn & sent to his Excell'y: the Govern'r:

Mr.: Speaker and Gent'n: of the Com'ns house of Assembly

Honble: Gent

We are glad you Concur with us in desireing of his Excell'y: to deliver our address to his most Sacred Majesty his Excell'y: as a fresh Instance of his hearty Intentions to serve this Province very readily takes the same upon him and We hope both houses will thank him for this favour

13th: May 1725

Sign'd by order of the Council

Ar: Middleton P:

on the reading the above Message ye: follow'd: was directed to be drawn

May it please ye: Excell'y:

His Majesties Honble: Council having Signified to us that as a fresh Instance of ye: hearty Intentions to Serve this Province
you would be so good to deliver our Address & Petitions to his most Sacred Majesty. We readily joyn in Opinion with the Gentn: of the Council that your Excellë: has ever had since we have had the Honr. to be Govern'd by you the Prosperity and Wellfare of this his Majesty's Province in Veiw and we return Yr: Excellë: our Sincere & unfeigned thanks for Offering this Singular peice of Service for us.

The above Message sent up by Mr: Barton & Mr: Nicholls

The house adjourn'd til to Morrow Morns: 8 of ye Clock

Saturday the 14th: day of May 1725

The house mett according to adjournmë:
Mr: Secretary Hart brought down from his Excellë: & Majtes: Council a Platt & draught of a house to be built at the half moon for an Armory a Room for the Comons house of Assembly & for the Supream Court together wth: a Memorial of the Comissë: appointed to Supervise the building of the house formerly to be built in the same place and the house having read & Consider'd the said Memorial & perused the said Draught. Resolv'd

That the said Comissë: have Power & they are hereby empower'd to build and finish a new house at the half moon According to a new draught & moddel now laid before ye: house & that this house will provide an Additional Sum' to the Sum already provided for that Work by some additional Duty to be imposed by Act of Assembly for finishing the sd: house—

The above Resolution sent up by Maj: Hepworth & Mr: Barton

The House adjournd till 3 of ye Clock afternoon

The House mett according to Adjourmn:

The Comittee were Orderd the matters they had in Charge and then The house adjourn'd till to morrow Morning 8 of the Clock the day of May 1727

The House mett according to adjournmë:
Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Majesty's Council ye: follow: Message & the Petition of James Bullin—
Mr: Speakë: & Gentn:

Having read the memorial herewith sent you it was our Intentions at the passing the Clause for exempting the Inhabi-
tants of Wassamsaw from working on the new road laid out by the Comissr: of St: James Goose Creek they they were & Should be lyable to work on the Several high Roads in the said Parish when thereunto required pursuant to the high way Act In Council 15th: May: 1725 Ar Middleton P.

Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Excellv: the Govv: the following Message & the Memorial of the Bank Comissrs:

Mr: Speaker & Gentn: of the Com'ons house of Assembly

Honble: Gentn:

I heartily thank you for yr: Message of ye: 13th: Inst: because I think therein you have done his Majesty Justice & your Selves in Ordering Mr: John Lloyd to lay before you the Several Maps Draughts &c: wch: was deliverd him when he was Agent of this Province & that you send them to me & herewith is a List there- of distinguishing what I now do send you & those I design God willing to carry to Great Britain & to deliver to the Rr: Honble: the Lords Comissrs: for Trade & Plantations as sent to Their Lords: his Majtes: Honble: Council the Honble: Com'ons house of Assembly and

Council Chamber

May the 15th: 1725

Fr: Nicholson

Mr: William Rhett from the Comittee appointed to inquire in the State of the Indian Affairs made the followg: report

Report

That upon Consideration the late injuries done our Trader by the Creeks their is an immediate Necessity to make some Pro- vision for defending our Selves against them in Case they should to make Satisfaction or should declare Warr against us——

And that the most effectual way thereto is forthwith to Erect a Fort on the Forks of Allatamha River at the Publick Charge & to have a good Garrison fixed there which the Comittee: are of opinion may be done by a Resolution of both houses till a Law can be passed for that purpose——

That the Comittee are of Opinion proper Instructions cannot yet be given Colle: Herbert till We have ye: Cherokee talk——

That We think there is the same Necessity of sending a proper person among the Cherokees to give a talk to ye: principal Townes in each Settlement the better to prevent there entering into an Abrupt peace wth: the Creeks as well as divert any further Expectations of being assisted with white men from us
That if the Gen[l]: Assembly should not meet at the time when
the Cherokees come to Town That then a Comittee of both
houses w[th]: his Excell[cy]: the Gov[r]: or President be appointed to
receive the talk of the said Indians & to dispatch Coll[e]: Herbert
to the Creeks & such person as both houses shall appoint to go
among the Cherokees w[th]: such Instructions as both Houses shall
direct to be given them by the aforesd: Comittee
May the 15th: 1725 Read in Council & Concurred
Fr Nicholson
Ar: Middleton P

May it please y[r]: Excell[y]

We have Consider'd the Report of the Comittee on Indian
Affairs & having agreed to the building a Fort at the Forks of
the Alatamaha River forthwith agreeable to the said Report
we are of Opinion that no Resolution can Sufficiently Justify
the building the said Fort nor can money be raised for that
purpose without an Act of Assembly we therefore (if your
Excell[y]: intends to prorogue us this day) desire the said Prorogation
may be not for above ten days y[t]: we may as soon as
Possible make Provision for the same

Capt[t]: Will[m]: Dry from the Comittee of Correspondence laid
before the house a Sett of Instructions drawn by the said
Comittee for the Agent in Great Britain which was read in the
house & agreed to

The house adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock afternoon

The house mett according to adjournmt:

May it please y[r]: Excell[y]:

At the last sitting of this house We desired your Excell[y]'s:
leave to adjourn to a proper time that we might have the honour
of waiting upon y[r]: Excell[y]: before your Departure therefore
as the business now before us will be finished this afternoon we
desire y[r]: Excell[y]: will be pleas'd to Signify to us at what time
this afternoon we shall wait upon y[r]: Excell[y]: to take our leave
of you & wish your Excell[y]: a good Voyage & safe return to
us again———

The above Message & y[e]: Instructions to y[e]: Agent in order
to Conferr upon were sent up by Coll[e]: Fenwick & Mr: Eleaz[e]:
Allen
On Reading the Memorial of Charles Hart Andw: Allen & Robt: Izard Setting forth that is no provision made for them & their Clerks for their Trouble in receiving the Bank Money & burning the same & praying to be paid £100:0.0 for that Service———

Order'd

That Alexandr: Parris Esqr: Treasr: do pay out of the Publick Treasury of this Province unto the Honble: Charles Hart Esqr: Mr: Andw: Allen & Mr: Robt: for their Trouble in receiving and burning the Bank money & for payment of their Clerks the Sum of one hundred Pounds and that this Order be sent to his Excell'y: the Govr: & his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence and that Mr: Speaker do sign the same.

Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Excell'y: the Govr: the following Message together wth: Two Orders of Council attested by Mr: Tunley Clerk of the Council Mr: Speaker & Gent': of the Com'ons house of Assembly Honble: Gent:

We propose to your house that fifty pounds Sterl's: may be paid to Francis Yonge Esqr: our Agent in Great Britain for Contingent Charges (out of the money in the hands of the Honble: Kingsmill Eyre Esqr:) the better to enable him to Carry on the buisness of this Province wth: Effect

May the 15th: 1725

F Nicholson

Ar: Middleton

Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Excell'y: the Govr: the following Message—

Mr: Speaker and Gent': of the Com'ons house of Assembly Honble: Gent:

I herewith send you Mr: Hammertons Acco:— which he gave me for drawing the Mapps &c: most of them wth: I design God willing to carry for England. I think he Copyed & if you are pleas'd to allow him the forty one pounds Charges wth: he pay'd I think will be Sufficient for him with what I have pay'd. The Original Draughts of the Harbour I think the man was never pay'd for doing of it. Therefore I most heartily recomend his Case to you the other Draught wth: I returned to You Concerning the Church and State House I think was done by the late Mr: Robt:— Dews I have heard that he was paid for them but if not I recomend that affair to you the three Originals one whereof was paid for by the Country to the Mate of Honble: Capt: Martin
Comand\(^r\): of his Majesties Ship Blanford the other two was drawn by the late Hon\(^ble\): Coll\(^o\): Barnwell & given to Council Chamber Fr: Nicholson

Charles Town May 15\(^{th}\) 1725

Memora\(^m\): The Draught Concerning the Church & State house was sent home in Order to gett Subscriptions

Order'd

That Mr\(^r\): Hammertons Account do lye upon the Table until the next meeting of the House

The House having taken under Consideration his Excell\(^y\): Message Concerning Mr\(^r\): Yonges being allowed 50£. Sterling for Contingences—

the Question was put whether Francis Yonge Esq\(^r\): should be paid out of the hands Kingsmill Eyre Esq\(^r\): the Sum of fifty pounds Sterling for Contingences the better to Enable him to Carry on the buisness of this Province w\(^th\): effect

Carried in ye: Affirmative

Then motion was made whether the Question should be put if the fifty pounds above Voted to Mr\(^r\): Younge shall be in full for Contingent Charges of this Year—

And the Previous Question was put whether the above Question should be put Carried in ye: Negative

Resolv'd

That the Comittee of Correspondence do draw on Kingsmill Eyre Esq\(^r\): for the Sum of fifty pounds Sterling payable to Francis Yonge Esq\(^r\): Agent to this Province for Contingences the better to Enable him to carry on the buisness of this Province and that this Order be sent to his Excell\(^y\): the Govern\(^r\) and his Majesties Hon\(^ble\): Council for their Concurrence & that Mr\(^r\): Speaker do sign the same

The above Resolution & Order to the Bank Comiss\(^r\): sent up by Maj\(^r\): Hepworth & Coll\(^o\): Hall.

Cap\(^t\): Green and Cap\(^t\): Dry were order'd to wait on his Excell\(^y\): & to acquaint him that the house desired leave to adjourn to Wednesday come Sevenight & further to acquaint him that they desire to wait on him there being no buisness before the house Mr\(^r\): Secretary brought from the Council the Proclamation his Excell\(^y\): of Leaving the Governmt\(^t\): in the hands of the Hon\(^ble\): Arthur Middleton Esq\(^r\): which was read & being approved of was deliver'd back to the Secretary
Saltons order for £100 for his trouble in Sounding ye: Harbours of Cape Fear & Winyaw & making Draught thereof was sent up Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Excellency: ye: follow: Messrs: Speaker & Gent: of the Com'tons house of Assembly

Hon: Gent:

God Almighty hath been pleas'd that the Affairs of this Assembly is like to be very happily Ended this Sitting as well as the former I do therefore in his Majesties name thank you for what you have done, for promoting the Wellfare & happiness of those two Inseparables his Majesties Interest & Service & that of this his Majesties Province & I do most Cordially recommend to you as Gov'r: the continuance thereof, and as your true freind I desire it. Upon the same acct: I do most heartily Recommend and Desire that a principle means for the Accomplishing the said Intrest & Service that there may always Continue to be a very good Harmony between his Majesties: Hon: Council and the Com'tons house of Assembly in this his Majesties Province & then you may be assured that nothing shall be wanting that lyes in my power to assist and Joyn with you in the forwarding & Obtaining such things as you shall apply for, the good of this his Majesty's Province—

Hon: Gent: I desire that you would accept my most hearty thanks for your Generoisty to me & for your most Obliging Messages & Addresses but more particularly for your very kind & respectfull Address to me of the 27th: of last Month & I do also most Cordially thank you for what you Mention Concerning me in Your most Loyall & Dutifull Address to his most Sacred Majesty in whose power alone it is to be determined whither I shall have the great Hon: to return in the same Station I am now God willing to leave you—

Hon: Gent:

I do with all Sincerity wish and Desire this his Majesties Province in Gen: may flourish in all Respects and in particular that the same good fortune may befall your Selves, and I shall Esteem it a particular happiness to me when I can be any ways Capable of being in the least Instrumental therein & when ever that happens you may depend everything in my Power shall be done by

Council Chamber
Charles Town May ye: 15: 1725

Fr Nicholson
In Answer to which the following Message was drawn & ingros'd
May it please ye: Excell'y:

Nothing could have given this house Greater pleasure & Satisfac-
tion than the Message ye: Excell'y: was pleas'd to Send to
us just now as it is full of Expressions of Freindship to us and
Affection to the Province in Gen'l: we should be greatly wanting
in Gratitude if we did not Return your Excell'y: our Sincere
thanks for your Constant & indearing Application to the Service
of this Province during your Governm't: and since now Sir:
what we have always earnestly wish'd when we should have the
Misfortune to part with you that is that ye: Excell'y: might have
an Opinion of us equal to the entire Respect & Duty we bear
your Excell'y: We take leave once more to wish ye: Excell'y:
a good Voyage & that you may meet with such a Reception from
his most Sacred Majesty as is due to one of his most faithfull &
Loyall Subjects & just & Experienced Governours & that when
Ye: Excell'y: Desires and Inclination are fully Compleated in
Great Britain we may we may meet & have the wish'd for Joy
of seeing you again in your Governm't: dispensing to us Ye:
ownted Justice & Studying as Usual the good & prosperity of
this his Majesties Province and we humbly hope your Excell'y
will remain Satisfied that wee are the Profoundest Duty &
Respect
May it please ye: Excell'y Most Devoted Humble Servts:-
Mr: Secretary Hart acquainted the house that his Excell'y: re-
quired their Attendance in the Comittee Chamber-
The Speaker & the house waited on his Excell'y: & the house
being return'd
Order'd

That John Lloyd Esq: Mr: Willm: Rhett & Mr: Sam'l: Eve-
leigh be a Comittee to draw a proper Scheme Concerning the
best method for Establishing the Currency of this Province dur-
ing the Recess of the house--

The House adjourn'd until Wednesday the 26th Day of this
Instant May Six of the Clock in the Afternoon
Wednesday May ye 26th: 1725

The following Members mett according to adjournment:

The Honble Tho. Broughton Speaker
Mr: Whitaker  Maj: Hepworth
Mr: Rhett  Coll: Woodward
Mr: Allen  Mr: Barton
Coll: Fenwick  Cap: Broughton
Coll Chicken  Mr: Hume
Coll: Hall—

The Speaker adjourned the House til to-morrow morn: 9 Clock

Thursday the 27th: day of May 1725

The house mett according to adjournment

The Journal of the last sitting of the House being read
Mr: Whitaker and Mr: Barton were directed to wait on the President & his Majesties Council & to acquaint them that the House was mett according to adjournment—
Mr: Rhett from the Comittee appointed during the Recess to draw a Scheme for Establishing the Currency acquainted the house that they had prepared such a Scheme & were ready to lay it before the House if the House would receive the same & he delivering in the same at the Table it was Order’d to be read—
A Scheme for preserving the present paper Currency of £100.585 and to add the Sum of £10000 to make the whole equivalent to £20000 Sterling wch: Sum there is an Absolute Necessity should be to Support & Carry on the Trade of this Province

And in Order thereto that a Bill be brought in agreeable to the following Heads but with a Suspending Clause not to take place till his Majesties pleasure be known
First That the Duty appropriated to call in & sink £55000 in Several perticular Species of Bills be paid in any Sort of Bills without distinction & that the said Duty be Continued until all the Bills now extant are Called in.
That the Bills paid into the Treasury for such Duty’s be not burnt nor Cancell’d but annually exchanged for new Bills & the said new Bills to be lent out to Intrest on good Land Security at £2:Cent £2’Annum
That the Sum of Forty thousand pounds Additional Bills be Stampt to make the Whole Currency £140.000 & that the said Sum of 40000 be also lent out on the same Intrest & Land Security—
That the Interest money be applied for the Support of this Government: which if at £10 23C: will in about 15 Years bring a Revenue of £14000 32r: Annurn.

That three Comissrs: be appointed & a Secretary with: proper Salaries to gett Stamp, & to sign the New Bills & let them out to Interest and to Transact all matters relating thereto.

That there be a Clause in the said Bill to prohibitt the Stamp'ng any other Bills whatsoever to add to this Currency of £140.000,

The above Scheme being read & approved a Bill was Order'd to be brought in agreeable thereto.

Mr Secretary Hart acquainted the House that the president required the attendance of the House in the Council Chamber the Speaker & the whole house waited on the president & being return'd the Speaker laid before the house a Copy of his Honrs: ye: Presidents Speech which is as follows.

Mr Speaker & Gentn: of the Com'ons House of Assembly—Honble: Gentn:

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq: Governr: of this His Majes: Province being (in Pursuance of his Majesties Royal leave & Lycence) departed for Great Brittain the Governm't: thereof is now (according to his Majes: Royal Comission & Instructions) Devolved on me as the Eldest of his Majes: Honble: Council which great Trust reposed in me I shall to the utmost of my power faithfully discharge, not only for the Honour and Dignity of his most Sacred Majesty, but likewise for the Safety Welfare and Happiness of this his Province, And I doubt not but you will readily enter into such Measures with me as may Promote these good ends——

Gentn: It is a Particular Satisfaction to me that I have the Honour of being well known to you all & therefore I flatter my Self, I may be looked upon as a person without any Veiw of Self Intrest & that I have nothing more at Heart then the General good of this Province, I take this oppertunity to promise you that while I have the Honour to Preside in this Station, I shall make it my Study and readily Embrace all Oppertunitys to putt in Practice, what I can now only assure you in Words.

I Cannot help telling you that I have so good an Opinion of your Honble: House that it obliges me to assure you that what
of Moment shall happen during my Administrac'on Shall be Com'unicated to you & therefore hope you will never fail of your Assistance and good advice which (next to that of his Majestes Honble: Council) I shall only relye on——

Gent: You are now mett according to your own Adjournment The design of which (I presume) is to Consult the most proper methods of Settling and Secureing the Intrest of this Province with our Neighbouring Indians the Creeks and——Cherokees, I must own to You. the Task is Difficult & this Province has long Struggled with the Various humours & Intrests of those Nations, what renders it still harder, is the power the french & Spaniards now have & are daily gaining amongst them. But as this Affair will be thr'oughly Represented to his most Sacred Majesty by his Excell'y Francis Nicholson Esq'r: so I shall notEnlarge further on this head then only to Recom'end to you, Maturely to Weigh & to Consider this Matter of so great Con-sequence to this Province. And to use your Uttmost Endeavours to frustrate and prevent the designes of our Enemies amongst those Indians til we can hear from Great Britain. And the more Effectually to—— Accomplish these purpo-es. A Comittee of his Majesty's Honble Council will be allways ready to joyn a Comittee of y'r: house

Mr: Speaker & Gent'n: I have further to recom'end to you the building of a Garrison at the place commonly called the fforks on Allatamaha River for the better defense of this Province (in case of a Rupture with the Creek Indians) for from this place commonly called the fforks on Allatamaha River, our forces can march with much Ease against them And it is well known by long Experience that force is of more prevallency then Argument with those people

What further you may think proper to be done in this—— Sessions for the good of this Province I shall with the Consent of his Majesties Honble: Council readily joyn with you in.

Ar: Middleton

The above Speech being read the Attorney General Mr: Rhett & Mr: Hume were Order'd to draw an address in answer to his Honr: the President which was read and agreed to & Order'd to be Engross'd

The House Adjourn'd till 2 in the Afternoon
The House mett according to Adjournment

Motion being made that the Comissrs for Stamping and Exchanging the Bills be directed to Exchange all the old Bills outstanding. The following Message was Order'd to be drawn

The Speaker and the house waited on the President with their Address the Speaker & the House return'd from the Council Chamber.

To the Honble: Arthur Middleton Esqr: Presidt: & Comandt: in chief of this his Majesties Province of South Carolina &c:
The Humble: Address of the Com'ns house of Assembly

May it please yr: Hon:

It is a great Satisfaction to this house that the Governmt: of this Province has devolv'd on your Hon: as a Person whose Abilities are well known to us as is also yr: great Zeal to his Majesties person & Governmt: to Serve in that Station & hearty affection for the true Intrest & wellfare of this Province. And We doubt not of your giving us many Proofs of the Same.

We shall on all Occasions indeavour to preserve and justify your good Opinion of this house & We know We cannot better Express our Gratitude to your Hon: for the Confidence you are pleas'd to putt in us, than by giving a ready and Quick dispatch to such Affairs as you shall Comunicate to us And to do this We shall not want since We are well convinced that your to his Majesty's Intrest & that of this his Province will produce nothing but what will contribute to promote the Same.

As We are pers-waded our Affairs wth: the Creeks and Cherokees are of the Greatest Consequence So we begg leave to Assure your Hon: they shall have our diligent attention and ready Concurrence to such measures as shall be thought proper to bring them to a happy Issue And We shall wth: the Same application go through such other matters as shall be necessary to be accomplish'd this Sessions—

May it please yr: Hon:

The house being this day Informed by some Members thereof that they have Several of the Old Bills in their hands un-exchanged & We being of Opinion that it is a very great hardship to all such persons who have such Bills that they should lye dead & useless in their possession We desire yr: hon: will agree wth: us in giving Orders that the Act which directs yr: 


Exchanging them may be in that regard Strictly Complied with: that they may be forthwith Exchanged & that the Comissrs: be required without Loss of time to give Notice that they will Exchange them: for new Bills—

Cap: Bond & Mr: Raven were Order'd to carry up ye: foregoing Message

May it please yr: Honr:

The house having consider'd the Scheme herewith sent to your Honr: are of Opinion that if the Currency of this Province were Establish'd after the manner therein mentioned it would be highly Advantageous to this Province therefore we pray your Honr: to peruse the same & to Concur with us that a Bill may be brought in & passt wth: a Suspending Clause this Sessions agreeable to the Same that it may be further Sent to Great Brittain for his Majesties Royall aprobation We being of Opinion that by passing such a Bill We may more readyly & easily obtain Such an Establishment of the Currency than by sending any Scheme to Great Brit:*

The Petition of Willm: Hatton was read & refferd to the Comittee of Petitions & Accounts.

Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Honr: ye: President the following Message.

Mr: Speaker & Gentm:

In Answer to your Written message just now deliver'd us by Mr: Bond & Mr: Raven we are of opinion with your house that all such such Persons who have any of the old Bills in their hands be permitted to Exchange them for the new & we do readily agree that ye: Comissrs: do Strictly Comply with the Law in that case made & provided & forthwith without loss of time give Publick Notice that they will Exchange the Old Bills for New. Council Chamber

May ye: 27th: 1725

Ar Middleton

May it please yr: Honr:

This house having taken under Consideration that part of your honrs: Speech relates to the Indian Affairs take leave to acquaint you that it is our Opinion that it would be proper that both houses of Assembly should hear what the Cherokees have to say before Comittee's are appointed to take under Consideration the affairs of the Indians & hope you will be pleas'd to
Concur wth: us herein, & We desire this Interview wth: the Indians may be as soon as Possible——
May it please your Hon’s:

This house having read & Consider’d Mr: Bull’s Petition recomended to us by Your Hon: are of Opinion that no time ought to be lost to make a Demand from the Governm: of St: Augustine of his Negroes in Case they are got thither & we think that the readiest & quickest method will be to send y: two Scouts, & we desire you will be pleas’d to appoint a Comittee of the Council to meet a Comittee of this house to draw proper Instructions for a proper person to be sent in the Affair—
Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Hon the President the following Message—
Mr: Speaker & Gent’s:

In Answer to your message just now received by Coll: Fenwick & Cap: Butler you may Remember in a particular Petition the last Sessions to his most Sacred Majesty you beg’d leave to have the Liberty to form a Bank or to Continue the present Currency and it was the opinion of the Comittee & agreed to by both houses that the passing of any Such Law without leave first obtain’d was forecloseing his Majesties Judgm: & Accordingly that Petition is now sent home & very propable in Due time an Answer will be made thereto.

I shall always be ready to Concur wth: your Honble: house in any thing that lyes within my Province, but if you please to have recourse to the 29th: Clause of his Majesties Instructions you will find it is not in my Power to comply wth: your request.
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To which the following Message was Order’d to be Drawn.
May it please yr: Hon:—

We are under Great Concern that your Hon: is of Opinion that it is not in your power to consent to the passing a Law agreeable to the Scheme Sent up to you, but where such a Law cannot be past we Desire Your Hon: will Signify to us whether you will be pleas’d to Concur with us in Directing the s’t: Scheme to be laid before his Majesty for his Royal Permission to Establish our Currency agreeable to the said Sheme——
The following Message was brought from his Hon: yr: Presid: by Mr: Secretary Hart.
Mr: Speaker & Gentn:

In Answer to your Message concerning the Cherokees We have appointed to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock in the Council Chamber to hear what they have to offer where we shall desire yr: house to be present.

As to Mr: Bulls Petition we have appointed the Honble: Coll: Wm: Bull and the Honble: Benj: Dela Conseilere Esq: to be a Comitt: to meet a Comittee of your House immediately on that Affair

Council Chamber  
Ar Middleton

May ye: 27th: 1725

The house adjoinnd till to Morrow Morn: 8 of the Clock

Friday the 28th: day of May 1725

The House mett according to Adjournmt.

Mr: Wm: Rhett According to Order laid before the house a Bill to raise and appropriate a Fund of Money to Erect and build an Arsenal in Charles Town to hold and Contain the Publick Arms of this province which was read the first time and past with Amendments.

Order'd

That the Comiss: appointed to Stampt & Exchange the Current Bills of this Province do forthwith Exchange all the Old Bills now outstanding in the hands of Severall Persons in this province and that they give Publick Notice that they will Exchange the s'd: old Bills. & that this Order be sent to his Honr: the President & his Majesties Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do sign the Same.

The Sec'y: brought from his Honr: the Pressid: ye: following Message

Mr Speaker & Gentn:

Having Consider'd Mr: Bulls Petition. We are of Opinion that ye: most Expeditions way to Effect that undertaking will be by sending the Pylot Boat. which in all propability may be there & return before the Scout Boats can be got ready. besides we apprehend them to small for such a Service Therefore desire you will agree with us in this affair which is of so great Consequence to the Wellfare of this Province, We propose that a proper person may be sent with the message intended to the
Governour of S't: Augustine in Order that it may have it's due weight
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Mr: Secretary Hart brought from the Pressid't: the bill to raise & appropriate a Fund of Money to Erect & build an Arsenal in Charles Town &c: read in Council the first time & past with amendments.
Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Hon'ble: the Petitions of John Croft and Alex' Trench.
The above Message from the President was read & taken under Consideration & debate thereof postponed till the afternoon.

The house adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock in ye: afternoon

The house mett according to adjournment.
The House resuming the Debate on the Pressid'ts: Message of this morning resolved to send the following Answer.

May it please ye: Hon'r:

This house has had under their Consideration your Hon'ble: Message of this Morning Concerning the Method of Sending to S't: Augustine & have come to a Conclusion to send thither the largest of the Pilot-boats according to your Hon'ble: proposals & have Sent for Cap't: Watson who has told us that he is willing to let the boat go for fifty pounds and is willing to go himself for £100 which We think not unreasonable, and Mr: Attorney General having been so kind voluntary to Offer to go thither and take upon him the Publick Capacity of Transacting the affairs of this Province at S't: Augustine We have Cheerfully accepted his Offer and desire that a Comittee of his Majesties Hon'ble: Council may be appointed to meet a Comittee of this house to draw a proper memorial to be laid before the Gov'r: of S't: Augustine to reclaim the Negroes which are supposed to be Run thither from this Government & the heads of the Instructions to be given to the Attorney General for his Guidance in his Negotiations & as this We esteem an affair of great Consequence to the Province the Sooner it is Concluded the better.

The bill to raise & appropriate a Fund of money to Erect a building in Charles Town to hold & Contain the Publick Arms of this Province was read a Second time & past with amendments:
Order'd That Alexander Parris Esq'r: Treasurer do pay unto Nicholas Trott Esq'r: the Sum of one Thousand pounds now lying in the hands of the said Treasurer formerly raised for the said Nicholas Trott Esq'r: to Discharge a former Contract made with him by the General Assembly: for Compiling the Laws of this Province And that this Order be sent to the President: & his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do Sign ye same

Order'd That Alexander Parris Esq'r: Treasurer do pay unto Mr: Joseph Boon or his Attorney the sum of one Thousand five hundred pounds now lying in the hands of the said Treasurer formerly raised by the said Jos'h: Boon in full for his Demands on the publick of this province for his Agency in Great Brittain And that this Order be Sent to the President: & his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence: & that Mr: Speaker do Sign the Same.

Resolv'd That in Case Nicholas Trott Esq'r: does not print the Laws of this Province Complied by him in three years from the date of this Order that he be obliged to deliver to the General Assembly one fair Copy of ye s'd: Laws

Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Hon'r: the President the following Message—

Mr: Speaker & Gentn:

The Committee of his Majesties Honble: Council being appointed by our House are now ready to meet a Committee of ye: House in Order to Consult on the affair of the Cherokee Indians. And we hope you will give this matter immediate Dispatch being of so great Consequence to this Province.

Council Chamber  
May the 28th: 1725  

The following message was brought from the Council by Mr: Hargrave

Mr: Speaker & Gentn:

We Consent to your last Message relating to ye: pilot-boats going to St: Augustine & Desire that all possible Expedition may be used in that affair

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The house adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning 8 of the Clock
Saturday the 29th: day of May 1725

The House mett according to adjournment

The Bill to Raise & appropriate a Fund of money to Erect a building in Charles Town to hold and Contain the Publick Arms was read ye: third time & past wth: be Ingrossed Sent up by Mr: Eleazer Allen & Mr: Barton

The Petition of Alexander Trench was Read & referr'd to ye: further Consideration of this House at their next meeting.

Resolved That in Case the Pilot Boat now bound to St: Augustine should happen to be lost that the Publick of this Province will make good the $d: loss to the Owners thereof—

Mr: John Lloyd Esq: Mr: Eleazer Allen & Capn: Bond were appointed a Committee to draw the Heads of Instructions to ye: Attorney General

Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Honr: the President ye: follg: Message

Mr: Speaker & Gent:n:

I herewith send you an Original Act (which tho' Repeald by the Lords Justices at home) yet you will see by that Paragraph relateing to Mr: Trott, the Sence of the house at that time that a Fair Transcript of the said Laws should be deliver'd before the money was paid, I hope you will be of same Opinion with that Assembly for I think I have another way to Justify my signing the Order but by having ye: Transcripts first deliver'd. the Country has already paid for the two Transcripts & to deliver One of them will be no Injury to Mr: Trott.

Council Chamber

Ar: Middleton

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Mr: Allen from the Committee appointed to draw Instructions to Benjamin Whitaker Esq: reported the said Instructions wch: were read and after some Amendments made thereto were sent up to the Council by Mr: Allen & Capn: Butler

Mr: Rhett from the Committee appointed to take the Affairs of the Indians under Consideration made the following Report.

Resolved That Coll:n: Chicken is a proper person to go to ye: Cherokees and that he go to the Lower Middle & upper Settlements that he Sum'ons all the head men of the three Settlements & give them the talk & he be paid out of the Publick Treasury of this Province for the said Service the Sum of Five hundred pounds

The house adjourn'd till 2 of ye: Clock in the afternoon
The house mett According to adjournment

The Petition of Charles Hill Esq:r: Setting forth that he is in-formed that a Bill is under Consideration of the house for laying an Additional Duty on Negroes, & that such Duty's may not take place imediately but that a Compeant time be allowed before it takes place which being read & Consider'd the same was re-jected.

Mr: Rhett & Mr: Barton were directed to acquaint the President & Council that the said Petition was rejected.

Mr: Sec'y: brought from the Presid: the following Message.

Mr: Speaker & Gent:n:

We received a Verbal Message from you just now by Mr: Rhett & Mr: Barton two of your Members that you had rejected Mr: Hill's Petition We think it more proper that your Resolu-tion should be sent in Writing being much more Regular.

Council Chamber

Ar: Middleton

May ye: 29th: 1725

The House taking under Consideration the affair of a Person fitt to to the Creeks

The Question was put whither the Person who is to go to the Creeks shall continue there for a Time Limited.

Carried in ye: Affirmative

The Question was put if the said Person should Remain amongst the Creeks four months— Carried in ye: Affirmative

The Question was then put whither the sending of an Agent to the Creeks shall be postpon'd till we hear from the Creeks.

Carried in ye: Negative

The Question was put whither Cap:n: Tobias Fitch if he would accept of the Office should be sent as an Agent to the Creeks

Carried in ye: Affirmative

Coll Herbert who was thought a proper Person to be sent as Agent to the Creeks being askt if he was willing to go thither and to remain in that Nation four months Certain he declined going on those Conditions

May it please ye: Hon:r:

Coll:o: Herbert having declined going to the Creeks, this house having thought fitt to come to a Resolution to limitt the time of the persons stay in the Nation & having Consider'd of another proper person to be sent instead of Coll:o: Herbert have made
Choice of Capn: Tobias Fitch and we Desire your Honrs: Con-
currence to the same.
The above Message together with ye: following Message was
Sent up by Collr: Fenwick and Capn: Green.
May it please ye: Honr:
This house having read & Consider'd ye: Honrs: two last
Messages take leave to acquaint you that after reading Mr: Hills
Petition we thought fitt to reject the same and since your Honrs:
not pleas'd to pass the bill before you with: the Additional of forty
Shillings we agree to its passing as your Honr: proposes, &
desire it may be immediately sent down that it may be ingrossed
in Order to Ratification this Night.
The foregoing Message Sent up by Mr: Barton & Mr: Ashby
Order'd That John Brown Gentn: Messenger of this house do
forthwith bring to the Barr of this house David Spotswood
in order to Answer to such Questions as shall be demanded of
him & that Mr: Speaker do sign this Order
Mr: Hargrave Deputy Secy: brought from ye: Presidt: ye: fol-
low'd Message
Mr: Speaker & Gentn:
It is our Opinion that We should now Resolve upon measures
how we might right our selves & comply with our Talk with: the
Cherokees in treating the Creeks as Enemies in case they refuse
to make Satisfaction and continue their Insults, for tis our opinion
that barely to send up to them what this Govern'd requires
of them will never have its desir'd effect, except they see We put
ourselves in a posture to make good what We threaten, which
we have a great deal of Reason to beleive they are no ways ap-
prehensive of at the Distance they are now from us We are of
Opinion that the Fort Mentioned to be built in the Report be
done as soon as Possible therefore We propose that a bill be
Order'd to be brought in on Monday next for that purpose
Council Chamber  
29th: May 1725  
Order'd ye: ye: following Message be sent to his Honr: the Presi-
dent
May it please ye: Honr:
As We apprehend the Cheif occation of this meeting of the
General Assembly was to settle the Affairs of the Indians which
we realy beleive to be of very great Consequence, & as we have
already drawn Instructions to the persons proposed to go to the Creeks and Cherokees which now lye before your Honour for your approbation We are realy of Opinion that those Measures may for ye present Serve & that there is not absolute Necessity immediately to build the Fort at the Forks but that it may be done at our next meeting therefore considering the season of the Year calls for us at our Several habitations We think there is not any matter now before us that need prevent our breaking up this night, and we desire you will be pleas’d to dispatch the Several matters Sent up to your Honour.

Sent up by Mr: Allen

Order’d That Alexander Esq: Treasurer do pay out of ye Publick Treasury of this Province unto Willm: Blakewey Esq: Clerk of this house for his Salary to the 23rd: day of this Month for Copying Journals to go to England for drawing & ingrosing Act of the General Assembly & for Pens Ink & paper & in full of his Accounts to this day the Sum of four hundred & 8 pounds ten Shillings & that this Order be sent to his Hon: ye President & his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence & that Mr: Speaker do sign the Same

Mr: Hargrave Dep: Sec’y brought from the upper house ye: follow’d Message

Mr: Speaker & Gent:;

Several Affairs (Especialy that relateing to the Indians) now lying before us which cannot be dispatch’d to Night will require our sitting a day or two longer, therefore hope the Gent: of your Honble: House will have so much patience as to attend the Necessary affairs of this Province now unfinish’d & wh: are of so great Consequence to the Wellfare thereof.

Council Chamber  
Ar: Middleton  
29th: May 1725

Order’d That the Messenger of this house do to Morrow Morning Sum’ons Mr: Parker Cap: Bond Captain Saunders & Mr: George Smith to attend the Service of this house on Monday Morning 8 of the Clock and that the said Sum’ons be at ye: charge of those Gent:

The House adjourn’d til Monday Morning 8 of the Clock
Munday the 31st: day of May 1725

The house mett according to adjournment
Mr: Rhett from the Committee of Petitions & Accounts made the following Report

The Comittee on Cap’n: Hattons Petition report

That they find the said Hatton is indebted the Sum of £347.12.3 by a Bond to the publick Treasury dated 30 April 1723 & Intrest due thereon at £10 7fr: Annum to the 30 of April last comes to £69.10.:0d. So that Principle & Intrest to that time amounts to £417.2.3.

The Comittee are of Opinion that Cap’n: Hatton’s Services to the publick Meritts the Consideration of this house & therefore recomend that a Considerable Sum be allowed him either by remitting the whole or part of this Debt or in such other manner as ye: house thinks proper.

May the 31st: 1725

On Reading & Considering the above Report it appears to this house that Cap’n: Will’n: Hatton is indebted to the Publick of this Province the Sum of £417:2:3 on Bond sign’d by the said Hatton & dated the 30th: day of April 1723 & the house Considering the Services the s’d: Hatton hath done to this Province in the Cherokee Nation

Resolv’d That Alexandr: Parris Esq’n: Treasurer do indorse off the said Bond the Sum of two hundred pounds as paid by the said Hatton in Consideration of his Services to the Publick of this Province in the Cherokee Nation.

Mr: Sec’y Hart brought from his Hon’: the President ye: following Message

Mr: Speaker & Gent’n:

We send you herewith the written Directions drawn up by your house for the Proper person appointed to go amongst the Creeks together with some directions drawn up by us which we apprehend to be more proper & have sent for your Perusal.

We also send you the Bill for the building & Establishing a Fort and Garrison on the Forks of Allatamaha River which we think the Safety of this Province very much depends upon

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Ar: Middleton

The Petition of John Crofts praying to be appointed Comptroler was read & Orderd to lye upon the Table
May it please your Honors:

On Saturday last this house appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee of his Majesties Honble Council on Mr: Trotts Orders sent up to you and the said Committee's having met & conferred'd, We desire to know your Honours Opinion on that Conference.

Mr: Attorney General reading to the house a Letter from the Honble: Willm: Bull Esq: acquainting him that Mr: John Bull's Negroes were taken & the house being of Opinion that there were no Occasion now to send to St: Augustine as was intended to reclaim the said Negroes. & Considering the Attorney General's Voluntary offer of doing that piece of Service to the Publick. Order that the thanks of this house be given to Benjamin Whitaker Esq: Attorney Genl: for his Voluntary Offer of going to St: Augustine to Negotiate the Affairs of this Province at that place & that Mr: Speaker do give him the thanks of this house & the Speaker Return'd him the Thanks of the house accordingly. Order'd That Cap't: Watson be paid out of the public Treasury of this Province the Sum of Twenty pounds for his Expense and Trouble in preparing the Pilot boat to go to St: Augustine.

Mr: Secretary Hart brought from the Presidt: the following Message together with a Bill for building Erecting & Establishing a Fort & Garrison on the Fork of Allatamaha River.

Mr: Speaker & Genl:

We herewith send you back the Order sent up from your house to us on Saturday last relating to the Exchanging of the Bills being of Opinion that the Comissrs: have no need of any Such Order there being a Law which plainly Directs the Comiss: so to doe and therefore we Desire to know in what forwardness they are to Exchange them

May 31st: 1725

Ar: Middleton

May it please your Honors: Message just now received we have inquired of the Comissrs: for Exchanging the Bills in what time they can Exchange them & their answer was that they could not all be changed in less than three Month's.

The Bill for building Erecting & Establishing a Fort & Garrison on the Fork of Allatamaha River was read the first time and past with Amendments & Sent up by Mr: Rhett & Mr: Nichols.
Mr: Secretary Hart brought from the Presid: the following Message

Mr: Speaker & Gent:";

In Answer to your last Message, as there was no Conference asked for by your house, so none was appointed by Ours in Relation to the affair of Mr: Trott, I refer you to the Message sent you on Saturday last as my Opinion

Council Chamber } Ar: Middleton
May the 31st: 1725 }

This house has appointed Mr: Loyd Mr: Whitaker & Coll:o: Hall a Committee to meet a Com:ittee of his Majesties Honble: Council to Conferr on Mr: Trott's affair & we Desire a Committee of Council may be appointed to meet our Committee accordingly.

Mr: Hargrave Dep:y: Secry: brought down ye: following Message Mr: Speaker & Gent:o:

Having perused the Scheme sent us with your Message on Sat:y: last we desire you to appoint a Committee of your house to meet a Comitt:e: of his Majesties Honble: Council to Settle the same who are now ready for the purpose.

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May the 31st: 1725 }

Mr: Loyd from the Committee of Conference on Mr: Trott's aff- airs reported that they & the Committee of Council are of Opinion that the said Mr: Trott should deliver Transcript of the Laws now in his Possession to ye: General Assembly before his Order is past, and that in Case the Transcript he sent to Great Brittain be lost that the said Mr: Trott shall wave a Coppy thereof given to him at the Charge of the Public, & that when ye: Laws are printed that the Transcript do remain in the hands of the Publick be deliver'd to him, & that he have the perusal of the same as often as he thinks Necessary in the mean time To which the house agreed

May it please ye: Hon:o:

The Committee of our house on Mr: Trott's affair having Re- ported their Opinion herewith sent to you the house has agreed to the same & wee desire your Hon:o: will Concurr with us there- in & that the Order may be past & deliver'd to him.

May it please ye: Hon:o:

Mr: Rhett Mr: & Mr: Eveleigh are appointed a Com:ittee of this house to meet a Committee of his Majesties
Honble: Council on the Scheme agreeable to your Honrs: Message. The above Message sent up by Cap:\ Bond and Cap:\ Broughton, Mr: Secretary Hart brought from his Honrs: the President the Bill for building Erecting and Establishing a Fort & Garrison on the Fork of Alatamaha River read in Council the 2nd: time and past wth: amendments.

The House adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock in ye: Afternoon

The House mett according to Adjournment

Mr:\ Secretary Hart brought from the Presid:\ the following Message.

Mr:\ Speaker & Gent:\

We agree to the Report from the Committee on Conference on Mr:\ Trotts affair with this alteration, that the said Mr:\ Trott should deliver the Transcript of the Laws now in his Possession, to the General Assembly (to Compare the same when printed before is Order is passed &c:;

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Mr:\ Secretary Hart brought from the Council the Petition of Margaret Johnson and John Fisher.

The House Order'd the Bill for building Erecting & Establishing a Fort & Garrison on the Fork of Alatamaha River to be read & the same being began to be read the same was Committed to a Committee of this house Viz:\ Coll:\ Fenwick Maj:\ Hext Cap:\ Bond Mr:\ Whitaker & Mr:\ Allen—

The Petition of Margaret Johnson was read praying that Rob:\ Johnson Esq:\ her Husband might be remitted the Sum of £144,7,5 Assessed on him as his Tax in the Year 1720 when he was deprived of his Governm:\ & the house taking the same under Consideration.

Resolv'd That the said Sum of 144,7,5 assessed as Tax on Robert Johnson Esq:\ when he was Deprived of his Governm:\ be remitted and that Alexand:\ Parris Esq:\ Treasurer do not Demand the said Sum of the said Rob:\ Johnson Esq:\ & that this Resolution be sent to his honrs: the President & his Majesties Honble: Council for their Concurrence and that Mr:\ Speaker do sign the Same.

Cap:\ Bond from the Committee to whom the Bill for building the Fort at the Forks was Committed made their Report.

& the said Report being taken under Consideration
The Bill for building erecting and Establishing a Fort at the Forks of Alatamaha River was read & the Question being put upon it. it past in ye: Negative

May it please yr: Hon:—

This house having read the Bill for building Erecting & Establishing a Fort & Garrison on the Fork of Alatamaha River are of Opinion that there is not any Necessity to build a Fort on the sd: River and therefore in putting the Bill the Second time to the Question it past in the Negative we therefore return the sd: bill to your Honour.

The above Message and the Bill for building a Fort at the Forks & the Order for remitting the Tax to Robt: Johnson Esq: were Sent up by Coll: Hall & Capt: Nichols.

The house adjourn'd till to Morrow Morning 8 of the Clock

Tuesday the 1st: day of June 1725

The house mett according to adjournment

The house reading & Considering the Petition of Mr: Alexand'r: Trench praying that the house would take under Consideration his former proposals for bringing over white People from the Kingdom of Ireland & the Report of the Committee thereupon The house had Recourse to the same, & finding them feasible & that if they Complied with Effectually it would be highly beneficial to this Province

Resolv'd Therefore that the said Alexand'r: Trench have leave to bring in a Bill at the next sitting of the house agreeable to his proposals & that the said Bill be General & extend to all persons who will Transport themselves on ye: Encouragm't in the said proposals Mention'd

Resolv'd That Alexand'r: Parris Esq: do proceed to build the house to be built in Lieu of the Publick house in Charles Town for the use of Indians & poor people, upon the Public land near where the former house stood, & that this Province will provide Money in the next Estimate for payment of the Same.

May it please yr: Hon:—

We find by your Message just now Rec'd: that the Gentn: of his Maj'ty's Council do not agree to the Scheme which we are of Opinion may be of I'll Consequence to this Province, the Peti-
tion to his Majesty for Establishing ye: Currency having Re-
course to a Scheme to be laid before his Majesty, & the Orders
to our Agent requiring him not to deliver the s:\ Petition until
we find ye: Scheme to present at the same time, therefore that
Petition w:\: Relates to the Currency a matter of the last Con-
sequence to this Province cannot be delivered without it it would
have been kind in his Majesties Council if they had before re-
questing the Scheme, proposed some other but since they did
not think fitt so to do wee desire a Committee may be appointed
to meet a Committee of this house to draw a proper Scheme to
be sent forthwith to our Agent their we may not be with
our Selves—
Mr: Secretary Hart brought from the Presid\t: the following
Message
Mr: Speaker & Gent\n:
We Send you down a Scheme for Erecting a Bank in this
Province the Gent\n: of his Majesties Hon\ble: Council not agree-
ing with you in the Same there is a Petition already sent to
England to his Majesty to Obtain leave to Continue the present
Currency which if Obtain'd, wee are of Opinion will be Suf-
cient.
Council Chamber
Ar: Middleton
June ye: 1st.- 1725
Mr: Speaker & Gent\n:
In Answer to the Message of the 29th: of May last in Relation
to your Choice of Mr: Tobias Fitch to go to the Creek Indians,
we agree with you therein, & desire he may prepare himself to
be gone as fast as Possible.
Council Chamber 1st: June 1725
Ar: Middleton
The Message relating to the Scheme & the talk to the Cherokees
\th: some little amendments were sent up by Mr: Rhett & Capt:\
Broughton
Resolved That Coll\o: Chicken have Power & he is empower'd to
leave blank licences in the hands of such a proper person as
he think fitt to be deliverd out to the Indian Traders & to
take their Bonds according to this Law for regulating In-
dian Affairs in his absence whilst he is gon to the Cherokees.
Resolv'd That Eleaz\r: Wiggan be paid out of the Publick Treas-
ury of this Province the Sum of fifty pounds in full for his
Services to this Province until he shall to ye: Cherokee Nation

John Lloyd Esq: Mr: Willm: Rhett Coll: John Fenwick
were a Com'ittee to meet a Committee of his Majesties Council
to draw a New Scheme.
Mr: Hargrave Depy: Secry: brought ye: following Message from
ye: President
Mr: Speaker & Gent:

Instead of the Instructions you have added to those we Sent
you for our Agent to the Indians, We are of Opinion the fol-
lowing will be more proper. Viz: If you find the Talaposees
Nation & Abeca's are Desireous that the English should Con-
clude a Peace with ye: Cherokees for them you must tell the
lower people that since ye: Talaposees are Desireous to be
freinds with the Creeks that you Expect they give no further
disturbance to the Cherokees & that you in behalf of ye: English
will take care that the Cherokees shall not Injure them.

That you as soon as may be proceed to the Creeks & if you meet
with an Express to the Government between the Settlements of
ye Savannah Town you are to stay their until you Receive a
further account from ye: Governm; but if after you have left
the Savannah Town & meet any of the Traders & understand
by them that all the Indians are peaceably inclin'd you may
proceed, if not you must return to the Savannah Town and Dis-
patch an Express & their wait for an Answer

Mr: Lloyd & Mr: Rhett were Order'd to go to the Presid: &
his Majesties Council & to acquaint them that this house agrees
with their last Message & that it is the opinion of this house that
Cap: Fitch ought to have a Discretionial Instructions added

Mr: Howard & Mr: Bond were sent to his Hon.: the President
with ye message concerning the Comissrs: exchanging the Bills
Cap: Bond from the Com'ittee on petitions & accs: made the
followg: Report.

Mr: Hargrave Depty: Secretary brought down the following
Message

Mr: Speaker & Gent:

We are of Opinion That Joseph Boon has already rec'd from
this Province more then he deserved, for wee are very well
Informed ye: instead of Solliciting to get the Governm: into

1. A blank space was left for the report but it was never entered.
the Kings hands, he in a private manner without the Knowledge of Coll:* Barnwell then in England or acquainting this Province therewith, did not only treat with Some Gentlemen to sell the Governm*: to them but Signed an Instrument to that purpose now (as we are well Assured) in the hands of the Right Honourable the Lord Townsend One of his Majesties principle Secretys: of State, which we look upon to have been an Indignity to his Majy: & a Breach of Trust reposed in him by this Governm*: For these reasons wee send you back his Order not Concurr'd to by us
Council Chamber
June ye: 1st: 1725—
To which the following Message was Sent.
May it please ye: Hon*: Your honour not having Consented to Mr: Boon's Orders we desire there may be a Committe of his Majesties Council appointed to meet a Committee of this house to Conferr on that affair.
The house adjourn'd till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon

The house mett according to adjournm*:
Mr: Hargrave Dep* Secretary brought from ye: Council ye: follow*: Mess*:
Mr: Speaker & Gent*:
Mr: Boon's Order being read in this house, & put to the Question whither it should be concurr'd to it passed in the Negative nemine Contradicente therefore (as you have our Resolution already there is no need of the Conference by your house Desired.
Council Chamber
Ar: Middleton 1st: June 1725
Mr: Hargrave Dep*: Secretary brought from the Presid*: an Additional Instruction proposed to be added to ye: Agent that is to go to the Creeks
May it please ye: Hon*:
In Answer to your Hon*rs: Message Concerning Mr: Boon's order we take leave to acquaint you that our house who as unanimous in in passing that Order as his Majesties Council was in not Concurring to it, and the Reason's that Induced us to be of that Opinion was because we well knew that the Faith &
Hon\textsuperscript{r}: of this Province is Concern'd in paying him that money and the Reasons you are pleas'd to give against the s\textsuperscript{t}: Order being bare reports as we assured by Several members of this house, we cannot help thinking are not Sufficient to debarr him of his Right, and as we are well Assured he faithfully did his duty, we cannot allow our selves beleive that you will deny us a Conference on a matter which we think so just in it self and so Incumbent on us to insist upon.

Maj\textsuperscript{r}: Hepworth & were Order'd to carry up to y\textsuperscript{c}: Council the ingross'd Bill to raise a Fund to build an Armourry in Charles Town & Several Orders & Resolutions sign'd by the Speaker.

The Message sent up by M\textsuperscript{r}: Cattle Concerning M\textsuperscript{r}: Brown Order'd That Alexand\textsuperscript{r}: Parris Esq\textsuperscript{r}: Comissary to cause to be made two small Flaggs for the use of the Persons who are to go to the Creeks & the Cherokees & that he pay for the same out of the publick Treasury of this Province and that this Order be sent to his Hon\textsuperscript{r}: the Presid\textsuperscript{l}: & his Maj\textsuperscript{tes}: Council for their Concurrence & that M\textsuperscript{r}: Speaker do sign the Same.

The above Order Sent up by M\textsuperscript{r}: Hume and Cap\textsuperscript{t}: Nichols

May it please y\textsuperscript{r}: Hon\textsuperscript{r}:

M\textsuperscript{r}: Gendrom & M\textsuperscript{r}: Waitis who were Elected & returned Members of this house for the Parish of S\textsuperscript{t}: James Santee having each of them desired to be excused from Qualifying themselves. We desire your Hon\textsuperscript{r}: will be pleas'd to Issue Writts for Electing Two Members for the said Parishe of S\textsuperscript{t}: James Santee that this house may have all there Members.

Order'd That Alexand\textsuperscript{r}: Parris Esq\textsuperscript{r}: Treasurer do pay out of the Publick Treasury of this Province to John Brown Mess\textsuperscript{t}: of this house in full for his Account Settled in y\textsuperscript{c}: house this day the Sum of Sixty One pounds & that this Order be sent to his Hon\textsuperscript{r}: the Presid\textsuperscript{l}: & his Majesties Hon\textsuperscript{ble}: Council for their Concurrence, & that M\textsuperscript{r}: Speaker do Sign the Same.

The following Message was brought from the President by M\textsuperscript{r}: Hargrave.

M\textsuperscript{r}: Speaker & Gent\textsuperscript{n}:

Amongst the Several Orders sent us up from your house for our Concurrence, there is one to pay William Blakewey Esq\textsuperscript{r}: Clerk to the Lower of Assembly the Sum of 408\textsubscript{f}: 10\textsubscript{s} Before we
pass the said Order we Desire that Mr: Blakeweys Accts: may be laid before us for our Perusal as those of the Secretary's always are before your house And that it may be in two Separate Orders, the one for his Sallary & the other for his publick Writings;

There is likewise an Order sent up to us requiring the Publick Treasurer of this Province to Endorse on the Back of Mr: William Hatton's Bond the Sum of £200 being in part Payment of £417:2:3d due from the said Hatton to the Publick. We desire to know how the said Bond was to be Endorsed, before the 1st: Order was Consented to by this House: We have also another Order sent us from your House to Pay unto Coll: George Chicken the Sum of £500: for going on the Publick Service among the Cherokee Towns

Wee are ready to pass the said Order to be Paid at his return from the Cherokees.

Council Chamber 1st: June 1725/ Ar: Middleton

May it please y'r: Hon'r:

We herewith send to your Hon'r: as you Desire Two Orders payable to Mr: Blakewey the one for his Sallary & the other for his Writing & other Accts:; & hope you will be pleas'd to Concur to y'r: same & we. also Send you the Account on which the said Order is formed one Article for which we had an Order for £100 at the last sitting was because he had behaved himself to the Satisfaction of the last Assembly & there was Intermission of near Six Months between the sitting of the Assembly when he had in his Possession all the Original paper of this house except of the time of his Excell'y: Francis Nicholson & altho' we did not allow him the Whole Sallary we thought he Deserved one Quarter and we desire your Honour will be of that Opinion & pass his Orders

As to y'r: Endorsemt: on Hatton's Bond was in Order only to Settle the Principal and Intrest that in Case the Order Sent to you in favour of him should pass it should not be paid out of the Principal

As to the Order to Coll: Chicken it is intended to be pay'd after his Return And not Sooner in the manner you propose. Two Orders Drawn for the Clerk the one for his Sallary the other for Publick writings together with his Account & the above Order were Sent up by Mr: Rhett & Mr: Allen.
Mr: Hargrave brought from ye: Council the following Message

Mr: Speaker & Gentn:

In Answer to your Message Concerning Mr: Boons Order, the Reasons we sent you down for Rejecting the same were not to make you Judges whither they were Sufficient for us to de-barr him of what you call his Right, since we thought them so, we rather beleive that your Informations are more upon bare report that Ours, The Honble: Mr: Pressident Benjamin De La Conseillere & James Kinloch Esq: Members of his Majesties Honble: Council having as they informed us seen a Letter from the said Joseph Boon under his own hand to the late Coll: James Moore, wherein he acquaints him that a sett of Quackers Gentln: in London were about Purchasing the Government & Soil of this Province, at the same time Advising him to desist from applying any further to have it under his Majesty, for that we should be happier under the Governm: of those Gentlemen than that of ye: King, if such Proceedings were faithfully discharged the Trust reposed in him by this Province, it may be your Opinion, but not Ours.

We are well Satisfied that what Coll: Barnwell (appointed Agent at the same time) acquainted this Governm: upon his return is true, that he saw a Contract for the Sale of this Governm: Signed by Mr:—Joseph Boon in behalf of Coll: Joseph Blake one of the Proprietors which he Assured us was in the Hands of the Right Honble: the Lord Townshend one of his Majtes: Principal Secretary's of State.

When we threw of the Proprietary Governm: it was to Serve that of his most Sacred Majesty but again to be put under ye: Governm: of Subjects more mean and yt: by the Solicitations of a Person that was Employed by the people of this Province, We look upon it to be a high Indignity offer'd to the Same, which if he were here he ought to be Censured for. We must inform you Gentlemen that we are in Duty bound to preferr the Governm: of our most Sacred Soverign before that of the greatest Subjects, And as we have the Happiness to Enjoy it we think that all Persons who shall Endeavour to deprive us of it ought to be Discountenanced.

We cant agree to the Conferrence you Say is Incumbent on you to insist upon the Order being Rejected, we deny it you because we look upon ourselves to have a Right to agree or
Disagree to any Order, which if you have any right to Demand or (as you say) insist upon, having a Conference upon any Matter got over by us, then Nothing that we doe can be Conclusive but what you are pleas'd to Allow to be so.

Council Chamber

1st: June - 1725/

Ar: Middleton.

May it please yr: Honr:

We do assure your Honr: that it is as much Our Opinion that it is for the Honr: & Intrest of this Province that we should be mader his Majesties Governr: as it can be yours & we are as truly Sensible of happily Instances thereof & as we never denied that you had a Negative on our Orders so we must affirm that we have a right to desire a Conference when we think it Necessary, and we leave yr: Honr: to Judge whither it is right in you to deny it us.

The above Message sent up by Mr: Whitaker & Mr: Heyward who also carried up the Messengers Order.

Mr: Hargrave Deputy Secretary brought the following Message Mr: Speaker & Gent:

We are willing that Cap: Hatton Endorse from off his Bond the Sum of £200 as a Gratuity for his Services And we are ready to Concurr with Your house in an Order for that purpose Provided he pay first the Remaining part of the said Bond being the Sum of Two Hun'd & 17 Pounds two Shillings and three pence, and that the said Condition be inserted in the Body of the Order.

Order'd That Alexand'r: Parris Esq: Treasurer do forthwith demand & Receive of Willm: Hatton the Principal and Intrest of his due to the Publick that he abate in the payment of the said Bond the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds for Service done to this Province by the said Willm: Hatton and that this Order &ca:

Cap: Butler & Mr: Ashby carried up the above Order & were directed to inform the President that there was no buissiness before yr: house & therefore desired his Honr: would be pleas'd to Ratify.

Mr: Hargrave Deputy Secretary brought the following Message & Acquainted the house that the Order in favour of Mr: Hatton was not drawn agreeable to the Opinion of his Majesties Honble: Council desired it might be alterd, And acquainted the Speaker
that the President required the Attendance of the house to Ratify.

Mr.: Speaker & Gentn: 

We do not Deny that you have a Right to Desire a Conference but that Right must be upon Matters Depending before us, & not upon those rejected by us, for any Matter by us Rejected is Conclusive and we our selves have no Right to Reassume the Debate thereof the same Sessions, for which Reason we Affirme that you had no Right to a Conference upon Mr.: Boon's Order, which we had before by Message acquainted you, Wee had re- jected.

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The above Order being sent up the Speaker and the house waited on his Hon'ble: the President to Ratify who after Ratification prorogued the General Assembly to the first Tuesday in August.
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