

That in the Chimneys that are to be made in the State ^{U H. J.} House there be no manner of Wood placed About or nigh the same if Possible but that they be done with all the security Imaginable

That the said House be Shingled upon Planks and not upon Laths

Came M^r Speaker the House being risen together with ^{p. 852} three of the members thereof who acquainted his Excellency that the House had received his Proposals sent by the Clerk and that they had appointed a Committee of four of their members to Consider of the same and with all desired that two of his Majestys honble Council might be Joyned to them to advise and Assist therein the said Committee being appointed to sit by seven of the Clock the next morning

His Excellency does say that two of the Councill shall be sent

Friday May the 1st 1696.

The Council Again sate and were Present as Before with the addition of the honble James Frisby Esq^r

This Board being Informed from the House that the Committee yesterday Appointed about the State House were to sit at M^r Blackwells his Excellency is pleased to Appoint the honble Col^o Geo Robotham and Col^o Charles Hutchins for to Join with the said Committee for their Assistance and Advice according to the request and Advice of the House giving directions for their adjournment from that Place to the Council Chamber who accordingly took leave & went

They return together with the Committee appointed viz^t Major Hammond Major Dorsey Mr Pollard and M^r Jenkins

His Excellency was pleased to ask them whether anything had been done as yet towards those Proposals laid before them who answer that no Result has been made therein as yet.

The said Proposals were by Order read over and after some discourse upon the same had his Excellency does advise that they send for the Bricklayers and the Carpenters for to Consult them what Charge the work in the said Proposals Contained will Come to and thereupon the said Committee took Leave and departed

Came from the House of Burgesses Captain Tasker and Major Thompson who presented M^r Francis Jenkins one of the Burgesses lately Chosen for Somerset County in Order to be sworn and the said Jenkins had administered unto him the Oaths Appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy & subscribed to the Test.