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Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1696.

House met and upon calling over the following Members were Absent Viz<sup>t</sup> [Mr Watson] Major Smalwood Mr. Rob<sup>t</sup> Smith Mr Scarborough [Col. Herman and] Col Codd.

The Met[hod and way how to pay the] Clarks of the Vestry & Parish referr[ed to the next Sessions of] Assembly.

Diana Nut[head her petition read] Whereupon this house is will[ing she should have leave] to print if his Ex<sup>cy</sup> pleases.

The house is [adjourned untill 12] of the Clock.

The house again mett [and the] petition of severall Merch<sup>ts</sup> relating to the Act for 10<sup>l</sup> p Cent on European Goods exported referred from his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Council to this house being read.

Put to the Question and resolved the said Act was never intended to extend to Virginia.

The following Bills Viz<sup>t</sup>

A Bill for Speedy Justice and encouragem<sup>t</sup> of Trade.

A Bill appointing the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Countys & the Vestrys to returne a Copy of their County Levy & of the Vestrys proceedings yearly to the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council.

A Bill to prevent people driving away horses in the Woods.

A Bill for Reviving the temporary Laws of this province.

A Bill for Assessing of 3<sup>d</sup> per hogshead upon tob: towards the defraying of the publike Charge of this province

A Bill for the Naturallization of John Edgar of Somerset County.

A Bill for laying an Imposition on Negroes Slaves & white Serv<sup>ts</sup> imported.

A Bill empowering the Com<sup>rs</sup> of Kent County to purchase three Acres of Land whereon to build a Court house.

And a Bill for laying the publike Levy.

being all assented to by this house were sent up to his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Council by Major Dorsey & severall other Members of this house.

p. 27 Mr George Layfield his petition read And referred to the Com<sup>it</sup>tee for laying the publike Levy in Octob. next for allowance thereof.

Mr Robert M[ason, Chairman of the] Com<sup>it</sup>tee of Accompts presents the [Journall of the said Committee] which is here examined and allowd of.

Mr Edward [Boothby and Major John] Thompson sent to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> [to acquaint him that this house] is ready to attend his Ex<sup>cy</sup> where [he shall please to comm]and them.

The house is [adjourned for half an hour]