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Cap<sup>t</sup> Watts and M<sup>r</sup> Aisquith bring from the House the following Message

By the House of Delegates Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1704

The Committee for Elections and Privileges enters the house and reports that upon reading the within Indenture appeared all four Delegates therein appointed are duly and legally Elected but the Sheriff of Somersett County has not made any due and legal Return thereof as by Law he ought to do.

Which the Committee offers to the House for their Consideration

Upon reading the above Report of the Committee the House Concur therewith that the members are duly Elected and that the Sheriff has not done his Duty, that his failure is not wilful or prejudicial to the publick but only in a deficiency in not returning Separate Indentures for each Person therefore he is not lyable to the Penalty of the Act of Assembly, but however we pray he may be summoned to answer the neglect before his Excell<sup>ty</sup> and Council &c.

Signed p order W Taylard Cl Ho Del.

Whereupon the following answer was sent to the House

By his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Governour and Council

The Houses Message relating to the omission or mistake of the Sheriff of Somersett County on the return of the Writt of Election was received at this Board and the said Sheriff will be cautioned of the like for the future

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Council.

The honble Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> John Addison Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brook Esq Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> are sent to the House with the following Message Viz.

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1704.

By his Ex<sup>ty</sup> the Governour and Council in Assembly Your House being now settled and resolved upon revising the Body of Laws of this province We recommend unto Your Serious Considerations several of her Majesties royal Instructions laid before you the last Assembly viz:—

1. The raising of Supplys for defraying the publick Charge on which occasion you are to take especial Care that