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Att a Generall Assembly Mett at the House of m^r: Francis Fidling in Charles Towne The 13th: Day of Sep^{tr}: Anno Dom 1698/ A Coppy of y^e writt for Ellecting memb^{rs}: of assembly for Berkly and Craven Countyes (Vizt).

John Earle of Bath Pallatine and the Rest of the True and absolute Lords and Prop^{ra}: of y^a Province of Carolina./

To Robert Gibbes Esq^r High Sheriffe of Berkly County—

Wee Comand you to Summons all the ffree Holders of Berkly and Craven Countyes Qualified for Ellection of Members of Assembly to Convene at Charles Towne the Eighteenth Day of August next, Then and There according to the Directions of an act of Assembly Entituled an act to Regulate the Ellections of members of Assembly to Chuse & Ellect Twenty members of Assembly to advice Consult and Consent to and wth us about the Arduious and Great Affaires & matters of y1: part of this Province that Lyes South and West of Cape ffeare, which Assembly So Ellected you are to Summons to meete in Charles Towne at ye: House of mr fira flidling on ve 13th Day of September Next to Sitt in a General Assembly for this part of this Province, And of ye sd Ellection-together wth: this Precept you are to Returne to us at ye; time and Place aforesaid, of which you are not to fayle Witness our hands and Seales at Charles Towne the 14th: Day of July Anno Dom 1698/

Ja: Moore	Joseph Blake
	Joseph Morton
John Morton	Tho: Cary

The Returne of the High Sheriffe of Berkly County of Memb^{rs}. of Assembly, (Vizt)

To The R^t: Hono^{ble}= Joseph Blake Esq^r. Prop^r, Governo^r, &c/ And To the Hono^{ble}: the Memb^{rs}— of his Councill/

By Virtue of the wthin Precept from yo^t Hono^{rs} to me Directed I did Summons all the free Holders of Berkly and Craven Countyes Qualified for Ellecting members of Assembly to Convene, at Charles Towne, y^e 18th: Day of August last past. And then and there according to the force forme and Effect, of the within Recited Act Entituled an act to Regulate the Ellection of Memb^{rs}: of Assembly The s^d ffree Holders Did then and there by Majority of Voates Chose, Twenty memb^{rs}; (Vizt)

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)3#2(Voates	Voates
Ralph Izard	127	Robert Johnson 109
Joseph Crosskeys	127	Thomas Smith 109
Jonathan Amory	126	Robert Stevens - 106
Thomas Broughton	125	John Alexander 103
Gabrill Glaze -	126	Job Hows101
Robert Hall -	124	Charles Burnham — 100
Will Smith merch ^t	128	John Ashby 95
Georg Dearsley	121	James Risbee 86
Georg Smith mercht	118 .	William White 75
John Buckly -	117	William Elliott 57

Butt The wthin Named James Risbee one of the s^d Number then not being *P*sonally Resideing in this County, I Do Humbly Leave his Ellection to be Considered of & Determined where of Right it Doth Belong/

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And further I Doe Humbly Signifie to yo^{τ} Hono^{ra} That m^r: Georg Logan and m^r James Witter Stands next, highest in Voates being Each 53, which members I Sumoned to mette in Charles Towne at the House of M^r, ffr^a. ffidling on y^e. Thirteenth of this Instant Septemb^r to Advise Consult & Consent to doe according to the Tennure, of s^d Precept in that Behalfe In Witness whereof I have putt my hand and Seale, This first Day of Septemb^r 1698/

Robert Gibbes Sheriffe,

A Coppy of The Writt for Electing memb^{rs}= of Assembly for Colleton County (Vizt)

John Earle of Bath Pallatine and y^e: Rest of y^e True and absolute Lords & Prop¹³— of y^e: Province of Carolina/

To Robert Seabrooke Esq^r: High Sheriffe of Colleton County/

Wee Command you to Summon all the firee Holders of Colleton County, And the fireeholders Inhabitting to y^e. Southward thereof, Qualified for Election of Members of Assembly to Convene at Wilton on the Eighteenth Day of August next Then and . there according to y^e Directions of an act of Assembly Entituled an act to Regulate the Election of members of Assembly To Advise Consult and Consent to and wth us about the Arduous and Great Affaires and matters of that part of this Province that Lyes South and West of Cape Feare which Members Soe Elected you are to Summons to meete in Charles Towne at y^e House of

m^r Francis fidling on y^e— 13th Day of September next to Sitt in a Generall Assembly for this Part of this Province And of y^e s^d Election together wth— this Precept you are to to Returne to us at the Time and Place aforesaid of (which) fayle not. Witness our Hands and Seales at Charles Towne The fourteenth Day of July Anno Dom: 1698/

> Joseph Blake Joseph Morton James Moore Thomas Cary John Morton

Colleton County/

The Returne of The High Sheriffe of Colleton County of Memb^r— of Assembly (Vizt)

By Virtue of y^e = wthin Precept which Commanded me to Summon the firee Holders of Colleton County To meete on The Eighteenth Day of August at Wilton, There to Elect Tenn Members of Assembly for the said County, The Free Holders there mett Elected,

	who had Voates	Voates
	Capt= William Davis 41	M [!] = John Cowing 33
	Capt= Georg Raynor- 40	M ^r = Abra Waight - 23
	m ^r . William Peter 85	M ^c = Tho= Elliott 21
83	m ^r : John Whitmarsh — 85	M'= Cha= Odingsell 26
	Cap ^t : John Hamilton, - 34	mr: Hugh Hext &)
		Rob ^t : Seabrooke in - 32
		Dispute — —
		Robt Seabrooke (Seale)

Members of Assembly appeared as followeth

Capt: Job Hows Mr: John Ashby m': Ralph Izard mr: John Alexander mr: Robt: Stevens Capt: Tho= Smith mr: Jonathan Amory Capt= Georg Smith Capt: Georg Dearsley mr: Robt: Hall Mr: John Buckly M^r= William Elliott Mr: Joseph Crosskeys $M^r =$ John Cowing M^r: Gabrill Glaze Mr: John Whittmarsh M^r Thomas Elliott-Mr: Abraham Waght M^r William PeterThis Question is putt whether m^r: Jonathan Amory shall be Speaker of this House of Commons/

> Caryed by majority of voates That m⁺ Jonathan Amory be Speaker of this House.

Who Accordingly took ye Chair

The Question is putt whether the House shall Enter upon Buisness this Night or adjourne/

> Caryed to Enter upon Buisness this Night/

The Question is putt Whether Cap^t= James Risbee returned Specially by the Sheriffe of Berkly County for a member of Assembly to Serve for the s^d : County be Duly Elected according to an Act to Regulate the Elections of the members of Assembly, or not

{Caryed in ye:} Negative

The Sheriffe of Berkly County returning m' Georg Logan & m' James Witter of Equall Voates/.

The Question is putt whether the Commons of y^e Assembly or y^e: said Sheriffe Shall name which of y^e s^d: Psons Shall be member of Assembly/

> Scaryed y^{t} = the Commons Doe name which Shall be memb^r = of Assembly/

The Question is putt whether m⁷: Georg Logan Shall be member of assembly, or not/

Resolved y^t: m^r: Georg Logan be member of Assembly/ Ordered that the Sheriffe of Berkly County Doe mend his Returne and Enter m^r: Georg Logan a member of this House for Berkly County and that he Doe give m^r.. Georg Logan. Notice to attend y^e: Service of this House—

> Rules and Orders to be Observed by y^e: Mémbers of this House.. (Vizt)

(1) When any man Intends to Speake, he is to Stand up uncovered and to Address himselfe to the Speaker, who usually calls such \mathfrak{P} son by name y^t: the House may take notice who it is y^t. Speaks—

 (2^{diy}) If more then one Stands up at once, The Speaker is to Determine who was first up and he is to speak and y^c: others to Sitt Downe, unless he who was first up Sitt Downe againe and give way to y^c other or that Some member stand up and acquaint