

U. H. J. Quere Whether Provision and Corn be so scarce that it be thought necessary to hinder the Exportation thereof to Virginia least the Fleet expected into this Province should want the same.

That there be an Address sent to his Majesty about the Congratulation and that a Letter be writ to the Arch Bishop and Bishop of London

That a Law be made to Explain Beer Cyder and Wine Measure

That a Law be made against Ordinary Keepers trusting of Labourers and Seamen too much and that some stint be put to the sum

That a Law be made that the Inhabitants of the two Ports of Annapolis and William Stadt may be Exempt from the Penalty of the Act against Forestallers and Regraters and that the said Law may not reach them

Read a Petition preferred by several Merchants relating to Trade &c James Fosters Petition touching keeping a Ferry between the Port and Kent Island

Allen Robinets Petition for his Pay for keeping Severn ferry and two Letters by his Excellency received from Major Whittington of Somerset County

George Williams Petition being all Ordered to be laid before the House for their consideration

p. 865 The Appraisement of the several Boxes made for the Offices is likewise recommended to the House for Allowance

Produced and read also a Return of Captain John Bayne M<sup>r</sup> William Hutchinson and M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Greenfield concerning the divisional Line run betwixt the divided counties pursuant to the late Act was also referred as above and recommended that some difference happening thereabouts may be rectified

Kent Island petition produced and Ordered to be sent down with the following endorsement viz<sup>t</sup>

By his Excellency the Governor & Council &c

May 2<sup>d</sup> 1696.

Upon reading the within Petition it was Ordered that the same be sent down but with this note that his Excellency will in no wise Assent to any Alteration contrary to the late Act and that whereas it is insisted upon that they are the most antient County it is Observed that the first People that Inhabited the same did not acknowledge themselves Belonging to this Province and therefore not the most antient County