

Friday May the 8th 1696

U. H. J.

The Council again Sate and were Present as on Wednesday except Esq^r Frisby

Drawn up pursuant to Order the following message of the sixth Instant to be laid before the House viz^t

By his Excellency the Governor and Council &c

Upon reading the Resolves of the House received the sixth Instant upon several Proposals made to them from this Board a Quere therein put relating to Provision and Corn &c being not fully Answered it was proposed that the said Quere be again Considered and to return answer whether it be convenient that Pork at this Juncture be Exported for Virginia

That the several other proposals now lying before the House be also Reassumed as by his Excellency to the whole House was on the sixth Instant directed and to the end Business may be carried on with the more quick dispatch by Obviating some Objections which by the House may be put therefore several Queries and Remarks are upon sundry of the said proposals thought fit to be made as follows viz^t

Upon the 2^d Proposal it being reported that the Quarter part of the Revenue in Governor Copleys time was by his Majesty bestowed upon the said Governor Copleys Children Quere where the Certainty of that Appears

3 Prop If Skins and Furs brought out of Pennsylvania and Shipt here ought to Pay the duty proposed that some order Pass to Enforce such Persons as brought Skins and furs out of Pennsylvania last year & shipt here may pay the said duty accordingly

4 That such Person or Persons as will undertake to build a Bridewell at their own Cost and Charge may have the Benefit &c as in the said Proposal mentioned

7 Proposal observed that tho there be a Law in Virginia relating to Carrying Horses over Potomack it does not Effect this Government

9 Proposal touching Pennsylvania Trade and Seamen p. 876 travelling without Passes &c being both matters of Great moment for his Majestys service during time of War the said proposal is therefore more particularly urged and recommended

10 Pro. Touching Testimonials sent out of England &c it is observed that no Law of England or of this province has provided about the same and therefore such matters coming proved under a notary Publicks hand ought not to be admitted for good proof considering how frequently the very Commissioners of the Customs hands and Seals and the