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The Councill Sate present as yesterday.

Came the Reverend D^r Tho^s Bray, his L^{dp} the R^t honble and Right Reverend the Lord B^p of Londons Comissary within this province, and Says he becomes a Supplicant to this Board on behalf of Major Edward Dorsey upon Acc^t of a Fine imposed on him the last Session of Assembly, and Says he does not Question the Justice of the Generall Assembly in imposing that Fine; But forasmuch as the s^d Major Dorsey has a great Charge of a Wife & twelve Children the most of them being very small, prays that his Ex^{ncy} & the Gen^l Assembly would extend their Charity either in remitting the said Fine or otherwise easing the said Major Dorsey in the payment thereof, and desires that this his moving therein may not be taken amiss being as he hopes a matter of Charity and agreeable to his Function.

Upon which mocon of the said D^r Bray Major Dorseys pet. was recomended by this Board to the Consideracon of the house of Delegates.

The Petition of M^r James Stoddert about some Deere Skins agreed to be p^d by the Piscattaway Indians for his negro killed by unknown Indians read and referred to the house of Delegates.

Cap^t Hill and tenn other members bring from the House A Bill for the Service of Allmighty God and Establish^{mt} of Religion in this Province according to the Church of England.

The said Bill was read and ordered to lye upon the Table. p. 27
His Ex^{ncy} was pleased to lay before the Board the Proceedings and result of his Ma^{ty}s L^t and Governour Gen^l of the Colony of Virginia and his Ma^{ty}s honble Councill thereof of the 22^d ffeb^{ry} 1699.

Wherein his Ma^{ty}s Councill of Virginia are of Opinion that it would be for his Ma^{ty}s Service Cap^t Peter Cood Comander of his Ma^{ty}s Advice Boat Messenger now in this Province should in the su^mer tyme be down in Virginia with the Vessel under his Com^{and}, to be there joyned with the Essex Prize for Defence of the Coaste, And represent it for his Ma^{ty}s Service that his Ex^{ncy} would be pleased to write to the Governo^r of Maryland to desire him that he will lett her be downe in Virginia about the begining of May Instant, And that his Ex^{ncy} would give such directions to the said Cap^t Coode as to him would seem propper for the well Maning the said Vessell out of the Shipp in Maryland for that it would not be possible to procure her any Supply of men after she should come there, being most of the Shipp would be sayled, or if they were not, His Ma^{ty}s Shipp the Essex prize already in Virginia would take up all the men that could be spared from them to compleat