

respective Sherriffs of this Province to publish this my Proclamation in the most usual and frequented places of their Several Balywicks. Given at the City of Annapolis the 9th day of October in the thirteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady the Queen &c Annoq Domini 1714

L' Col Ward & five more brought up the following message Viz

By the House of Delegates  
October the 9th 1714

This House having taken into Consideration the deplorable Condition of the Inhabitants of this Province who made little Tob<sup>o</sup> this year That being their only Staple & Fund to raise mony for discharge as well of the publick Levys as their private Debts and being willing to relieve them in their present Exigency and prevent the Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> of her Majesty's good Subjects of this her Province do propose the inserting a Clause in the Bill for apportioning the publick Levy this year that no Executions shall from the End of this Sessions to the tenth day of November 1715 issue against the Body of any the Inhabitants of this Province

Signed p Order Tho<sup>s</sup> Macnemara Cl Ho Del.

Which being read & Considered, and debated whither It be reasonable this Board should concur with the House of Delegates proposal Resolved nemine Contradicente that the same is against the Current of the Law and would introduce great Confusion & mischief so that thô his Excellency the Governour and Every Member of this Board are heartily desirous to Ease & favour the honest well meaning sort of People by giving their particular directions to the respective Sherriffs Yet they cannot consent to such a Law without the manifest Violation of the Trust & Duty in them reposed in Enacting a Law repugnant to the Laws of England as well as this Province

Ordered the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the House by Col Holland & Col Young who went & returned & say they delivered their Message

Advised that this General Assembly be prorogued for one month, And when his Excell<sup>ey</sup> has Judicial notice of her Majestys Demise They be dissolved by Proclamation

The Board adjourned for an Hour

Post Meridiem

The Council Sate present as before

It falling under the Consideration of this Board that upon