

The Council in open Court held at the Court House in Town
in the County of Middlesex the 28th day of February in the seventh
Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King Charles the first
and Queen Mary Anno Domini 1694 by the command
Second Sessions

Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r

the Hon^{ble} { Col George Robotham James Fry Esq^r
Col Richard Greenberry Edward Randolph Esq^r
Thomas Jencks Esq^r }

His Excellency was pleased to send for the Attorneys in Town
who accordingly appeared to whom he expressed as follows viz that
the Assembly was adjourned to this day and that the chief thing
at Present he had to Offer to them was that a Law might be prepared
to help the defect of S^t Marys County Court falling otherwise on us as
presented the Country would be damaged at least a Hundred thousand
Pounds of Tobacco therefore willed them to prepare a Bill ready to pre-
sent to the House of Burgesses pursuant thereto who accordingly
took leave and after some short space of time came again and pre-
sented a Bill to the said Effect

Came from the House of Burgesses Mr Cheddin Mr Smithson
Captain Bayne and Mr Clark who signified to his Excellency that
the House was met according to adjournment and desired to know
if his Excellency had any thing to impart to the House to whom his
Excellency was pleased to say that they should have an account pre-
sented

Went from this Board the Hon^{ble} Mr George Robotham & James
Fry Esq^r to acquaint the House his Excellency desires their Attendance
here

They returned again together with the Speaker and House of Burgesses

His Excellency was pleased to acquaint them that he should not
have given them any trouble to have served at this time but that an acci-
dent had happened in Saint Marys County namely the fall of the said
County Court which defect he recommended unto them to be supplied
by a short Law for that purpose to continue all Proce^ss at that time de-
pending before the said Court acquainting them that the Attorneys had
already presented to the Council a Draught of such a Bill which was
Given them by his Excellency together with several Queries put to the