

by this House for laying the publick Levy whereby that as it is the undoubted right and Privilege of the Representative Body of this Province to consent to the raising of Money upon the Inhabitants so likewise it is to levy the same when raised therefore humbly pray the honourable Board would not push matters so muche Infringing upon the ancient rights and Privileges of his Majestys Subjects of this Province

Signed of Order W Bladen (Chapman)

Ordered that three of the Gentlemen of the Council go down to the House and Acquaint them that his Excellency requires their Attendance here presently and to bring with them what Bills are presented to

The honble Col<sup>o</sup> Nicholas Hutchins and Col<sup>o</sup> Addison went upon the said Message

They return and say they signified his Excellency's Commands to the House Mr Speaker with the rest of the House members came up accordingly and bring with them the Bills and present them to his Excellency for his passing & Assent

His Excellency signifies to them that a Bill here presented for laying the Publick Levy herein by no means passes it is now drawn there appearing no Acc<sup>t</sup> to particulate any allowances therefore proposes that they return to their House again and consider either to draw a law for what allowances are already made or that they would appoint what members of their House are Justices of the Provincial Court to be Joyned with his Excellency and Council to lay the said Levy at the meeting of the Court in the fall and with that Mr Speaker with the members of the House took leave and returned accordingly

Ordered that the honble Col<sup>o</sup> Nicholas Greenberry and the four Burgesses of Ann Arundell County be pursuant to the Ordinance of Assembly Impowered & they are hereby accordingly appointed and Impowered to sell and dispose of what Tobacco is collectable and due for and towards building a church at Annapolis either for Bills of Exchange or Good the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County having this year already received Orders for collecting the said Tobacco brought from the House by Maj<sup>r</sup> Southam

and four other members of the following message By the House of Burgesses May the 13<sup>th</sup> 1696

This House have perused and considered of the Bill by us proposed for laying and Assenting the publick Levy of this Province and therein finding that it plainly appears to what use and purpose the Tobacco therein mentioned to be levied is to be applied viz<sup>t</sup> To the defraying the necessary Charge of this Province as hath been formerly used and thereupon Resolved the same Contradictorie not to Proceed therefrom

Signed of Order W Bladen (Chapman)

Ordered that seeing the House is resolved they be sent for up and Provoqued

The honble Col<sup>o</sup> John Addison is sent upon the said Message who Returns and says the House is Risen