

The said Paper all came in under a following

By the House of Burgesses July 6 1696

The House of Burgesses that the Commissioners of the several County Courts use by their oaths and duty to do their duties and discharge their business without such restrictions especially concerning the said Commissioners have power to fine them both in executing their duties

Signed for Order W Bladen (the Assembly)

The which being read his Excellency was pleased to say that he hoped the said Commissioners would for his Majesty's Service and their own Good duty be to comply with the said Paper all undoes Order by advice in Council as it is hereby Ordered that the Clerks of the said County Courts keep and send Records of the said Justices sitting from time to time to be returned unto his Excellency at the Port of Annapolis together with Copy of the County Records therein expressing the reason of every particular Article Allowed

Signed for Order Hen Denton (the Council)

Read the following Resolves from the House viz

Disputations 3<sup>o</sup> die July 1696

Resolved by the House that Major Thomas Smithson publick Treasurer of the Eastern Shore pay unto Col Charles Hutchins fifteen Pounds Sterling in part of what is due to him from this Country for Provision of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> Receipt for the same

W Bladen (the Assembly)

Assented to by his Excellency and Council Hen Denton (the Council)

Brought by Captain Hill and five other members of the House the following Bill viz An Act for the Service of Almighty God and for the Establishment of the Protestant Religion within this Province The which was read several remarks made thereon and was set aside to be further Considered and read tomorrow

Brought from the House of Burgesses by M<sup>r</sup> Smith and three other members an address drawn up to his Sacred Majesty congratulating the wonderful deliverance and preservation of his Royal Person from the late Conspiracy and Intended Assassination. The same was well approved of and signed by his Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council & afterwards returned to be signed by the several members of the House

Read a Petition of the Honourable Col<sup>o</sup> Henry Jones Chancellor relating to his fees for sealing Coroners Commissions O<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> that the same be referred to the House of Burgesses for their allowance

Monday July the 6<sup>o</sup> 1696 The Council again sat and were Present as before

Read the following Bills presented from the House viz

A Supplement<sup>ary</sup> Act to the Act for raising a Supply for defraying the publick Charge of this Province read first time and Passed without Alteration

An Act for Assesting and setting the Clerks of the Councils fees within this Province will pass with Amendment

An Act for Sanctifying and Keeping Holy the Lords day commonly called Sunday will pass with Amendment

Brought from the House of Burgesses by M<sup>r</sup> Cranford and M<sup>r</sup> Turby the following Letters and Bills Viz

A Letter to his Grace the Arch<sup>b</sup> Bishop of Canterbury read and well approved of  
A Letter to the right Honourable the Lords of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council read and well approved of