

October 2 1696

Spent by his Excellency and his Majesty's Honourable Council except such as are hereafter remon-
strated being drawn up by order in the following manner to the House viz

By his Excellency the Governor and Council 2^d October the 2 1696

The several Resolves of the House together with the several Instruments drawn up for Endeavou-
ring to quiet the minds of the People &c were reviewed and how read and upon the latter is observed
that the same is not drawn according to the proposal omitting in the first place that part viz
saying that no families have been ever called by his Excellency since his access to the Govern-
ment but upon special accounts viz the story of the Kings Service and good of the Country
and if the House is not of the same opinion his Excellency will endeavour to make it so
and show that reason why business has not been done in the families

That the Money now paid his Excellency out of these Impositions is what his Excellency
lent them and without Interest which said two Clauses omitted are though every material
to be put in being matter of truth otherwise that the House would give the reason to the
Contrary

The proposal about the Rangers not sufficiently answering in paying for their arms
&c for that it is remembered there is such an Ordinance that they shall pay for their arms but
this Board wants to know what price shall be allowed for the Tobacco and that they be obliged
to pay one half this year and the other half next year

The proposal about the Tennis is not yet answered

No answer as yet to the Remark about Mr Bury

As to about the Ships riding - that they may be permitted to ride where they please his Ex-
cellency can in no wise admit thereof by reason of having no Frigate here but God willing
shall Endeavour to Order them to those places where they shall be most secure and preserved
from being plundered or carried away which his Excellency does suppose will be for the best
Advantage of Trade

As for the Church his Excellency does hope in God to do it so as may be for the General
Satisfaction

As to that of the Resolve of the House relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence he replies that as
to the 50^l allowed him for the Presidentship he takes it to be his due and so an Act of Justice
but for the other Fifty pounds he utterly refuses to accept it upon the condition and Casualty
Assigned, which is not in his power to answer for and is very sorry that the House hath
so mean an Opinion of him and the service he hath performed for them especially in reco-
vering for the Country three hundred pounds which they would otherwise never have had
as to think he merits no better an acknowledgment

Signed for Order Hen Denton Clk Council

Three several Addresses to his most Sacred Majesty being fair writ out and uttered according
to the Amendments proposed were well approved of

The several Bills here prepared came fair engrossed which being carefully reviewed were
Spent to by his Majesty's Honourable Council

Read the following Representation and proposal sent from the House of Burgesses viz
October the 1st 1696

Upon proposal of William Bladen Clerk of this House that a printing press would be
of great Advantage to this Province for printing the laws made in England &c and that
he the said Bladen at his own proper cost and charges would send for such press with the
Appurtenances if provided his Excellency the Governor would give him Leave to make use
of the same this House are of Opinion that the same will be of great Advantage to this
Province & humbly desire his Excellency will be pleased to give leave to the said Bladen
to make use thereof when insured according to his proposal

Signed for Order W Bladen Clk of the House

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Approved of by his Excellency and Council provided he give security according to his
Majesty's Royal Instructions to his Excellency

Hen Denton Clk Council