

and good and further say that they have communicated his Excellencies commands to the House who pursuant thereto are coming up

Mr Speaker with the House of Burgesses come up accordingly the last Resolves together with the Ordinance for guarding the mounds of the fugitive being publicly read over

✓ Mr Robert Smith one of the members of the House of Burgesses being asked whether he knew Col Good in England does say he did know Col Good in England and that he was a Moravian at a place called Henry in England from whence he was turned out

Afterwards were presented three several addresses for the Honourable Committee to send to his most Sacred Majesty two whereof were signed by his Excellency the Governor the Attorney of his Majesty's honourable Council and the several members of the House of Burgesses the one being a congratulatory Address and the other an address of thanks

The other address was signed by his Majesty's honourable Council & House of Burgesses ✓ The Honble Mr Henry Jones Chancellor being sent for came and was added

Then were presented the several Bills full Enrolled and Assented to by his Majesty's honourable Council and House of Burgesses for his Excellencies passing the same into laws the Titles whereof were read over as follows viz

An Act for securing the Parochial Libraries of this Province

An Act for speedy Justice for small debts

An Act relating to Bail to be taken by the Sheriff in Action of Trespass

An Act for the better clearing of the Roads and directing all Travellers travelling through

the Province

An Act for keeping good Rules and Orders in the Port of Annapolis

A Supplementary Act to the Act for payment and Assessment of the publick Charge of this Province

The said several Bills were passed under the Broad Seal of this Province in presence of the whole Assembly together with the Act for relief of the Creditors of Mark Cordes deceased his Excellency being pleased to express his Assent to the same by the following Indorsement

made thereon viz

October the 2 1696

On behalf of his Majesty King William the Third &c I will these to be laws

Fr. Nicholson

At the same Time likewise the map of the Town and Port of Annapolis &c was sealed with the Broad Seal of the Province and his Excellencies Seal at Arms in several places thereof According to the directions of the Act of Assembly in that case

Then was produced and Read a Pardon by Mr Attorney and Solicitor General prepared on behalf of George Mason and William Burley persons condemned for the murder of Mr John Payne formerly Collector of Patuxent district being prepared by Order of his Sacred Majesty in Council which was signed by his Excellency in Council the Broad Seal of the Province in presence of the whole Assembly George Mason one of the Criminals being present received the said Pardon upon his Knees but an account was given that Burley the other Criminal lay so dangerously ill that he could not travel

Then came Major Thomas Smithson Treasurer for the Eastern Shore and made Oath to his Treasurers Account

Came also Samuel Watkins Naval Officer of Patuxent district and Henry Denton Naval Officer of the Port of Annapolis who made Oath to their Accounts

The Treasurer for the Western Shore and the rest of the Naval Officers not appearing were Ordered to be summoned to make up their Accounts before the Committee for that purpose especially appointed

Afterwards his Excellency was pleased to express himself to Mr Speaker and the several members of the House to the Effect following viz

That he was very sensible of the difficulty he had met with in reforming the manners and Insolency of the people of this Province That the making of laws was very insignificant