

It is thought by the Friends that present of the House of Delegates returned upon  
Admonitions to the last message and thenceforward they have spent the Labour of  
Twenty thousand Pound of Taxes more than need which is Believed must have  
been done on Purpose by some of the members that are Judges and Attorneys of the  
Provincial Court and it is likewise observed that in some former Assemblies in Order  
to dispatch Business in the conclusion of one Assembly they have sat up till 2 or 3 a  
Clock in the Morning

Esq<sup>r</sup> Tench is sent to ask the Speaker to what place the House is adjourned  
who returns and says that they adjourned to the Speakers Chamber but he should  
be disappointed that he could not go so far as the State House but finding himself  
latter this morning he returned to adjourn the House to the State House

His Excellency is pleased to observe thereon that when he called them up last  
Saturday he left them in the State House and acquainted the Speaker that was the  
Place to do Business therefore does not know by what Authority they adjourned them-  
selves upon to another House

His Excellency having been pleased to communicate to the Board what he  
intended to say to the Speaker and the House upon the breaking up of this Session  
the same is well appeared of Whereupon his Excellency is pleased to say that by  
what he says the House will not make an end these two or three days

Wherefore the Honble Lt<sup>ty</sup> Henry Jones and Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> are Ordered to  
Command the Speaker and the whole House in his Majesty's name to attend his  
Excellency in Council immediately but to the House they departing they are sent again  
to know the reason of their delay and Command them to come forth with who return  
and say they are coming. Accordingly Mr Speaker attended with the whole  
House and presents these following Bills formerly Printed having signed and af-  
firmed to by His Majesty's Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council To which his Excellency...  
on behalf of his Majesty was pleased to consent by subscribing them thus Viz<sup>t</sup>

At the City of Annapolis April the third 1698

On Behalf of his Majesty King William the third &c I will these to be Law  
At what Time the Map and Plot of this Town being produced and Publicly  
Shown to the Assembly who was told of the Accident that had happened thereto by  
the Rats having eaten several Parts thereof the same being amended and fairly  
Transcribed by Mr Richard Hillburn who made Oath that he will it from Mr Rich<sup>d</sup>  
Blands Book from whence it was Originally engrossed was sealed on the four sides  
therof with the broad Seal and with his Excellency's Seal at the head and four Corners  
having put Tape down on each the back side thereof

Mr Philip Clark Relation to his Excellency Sir Edmund Andros his Majesty's  
Governor of Virginia and other Proceedings of the Provincial Court thereon

Mr William Bladen was Sworn to declare what Excessive and discursive he had  
heard from the said Clerk as also what Mr Luther Hall told him of the said Clarke  
& his own relation to the Assembly

His Excellency was Pleas'd to tell Mr Speaker and the House that Mr Speaker  
had taken his Word with him in that he promised to keep the Kings Privileges un-  
touch'd which he had not done but suffered it in several Points to be Infringed whereas  
it lay in his Power to protect and hinder it by adjourning the House when he found  
them running into Excesses as is his duty in all such Cases

That by the disorderly and behaviour of the House they think themselves to have  
an Arbitrary and Unlawful Power