

Subjects under penall Navigation Bonds. His Exc^{ty} is pleased to say that he can do nothing therein legally, untill Judgments have been recovered thereon, which done then he will at present Ord: a suspension of Executions issuing, untill His Mat^{ty} pleasure shall be further knowne.

And that if His Mat^{ty} Hon^{ble} Councill and House of Burgesses shall thinke fitt to address His Mat^{ty} at present, His Exc^{ty} will not faile of being as good as his words in affording His Interest &c.

Signed & Order. Hen: Denton, Clk. Councill.

A Bill relating to Bayle to be taken by the Sheriff in Actions of trespass upon the Case, read 2^d time.

House adjourned till 6 of a Clock to Morrow Morning.

Thursday Octob^r the 1st 1696. House met.

And it being proposed that an Ordinance be drawn up to Quiet the Minds of the people.

Resolved that such Ordinance be drawn up.

And it being proposed from His Exc^{ty} that Care be taken for to have the Shipp^s ride together for their better defence and security. The house conceive they may be at liberty to ride where they please for the... advantage of their Trade.

The House adjourned till 6 of a Clock to Morrow Morning.

Friday Octob^r the 2^d 1696. House met.

The petition of divers the Inhabitants of this province, relating to Navigation Bonds, read and sent up to His Exc^{ty} with the following Indorsement.

This House humbly pray His Exc^{ty} that he will allow the pet^{rs} reasonable tyme about two years to procure Certificates in discharge of their Bonds if they can and in regard they were thought sufficient & security at the first in their Bonds, that therefore their own^e Hon^{ble} & security may be now accepted on without holding them to Bayle.

And we humbly pray your Excellency to interceed to His Mat^{ty} to extend His Mercy and goodnes to the petitioned, without which many of His Mat^{ty} loving Subjects their wives and families will be utterly ruined and impoverished without any fault or crime in themselves.

Major Dent and severall other Members sent up to His Exc^{ty} with the following Ordinance. Vizt.

To all His Mat^{ty} loving Subjects in Marylande.

Because it may be suggested by many evil minded persons Enemies to His Mat^{ty} Government and ye peace and tranquility of His loving Subjects that the frequent Assemblies that of late have been Called hath and may be a burthen to ye good people of this province, and that the Money and too^e raised hath been misemployed or wasted, for prevention whereof & quieting the Minds of all His Mat^{ty} loving Subjects. It is hereby declared