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sult with us touching the Important Affairs of Our said Province Given at Our City of S^t Maries under the Great Seal of Our said Province of Maryland, the fifteenth Day of August in the Sixth Year of Our Dominion over Our said Province & Annoq Domini 1681

Jdem Mutatis Mutandis to Col William Stephens they both Appear and produce their Respective Writts the Same also issued to Col Henry Darnall.

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His Lordship in the Presence of both houses Jntimate the Occasion of their Convention at this time thus Viz^t—

p. 292 Gentlemen

It has been Generally believed, and by Several Persons often affirmed that the frequent Meeting of Assemblies has been very Burthensome and Chargeable to the Province and if I mistake not Such Charges as were Occasioned by Assemblies only were the Chief Motives and Pretex^ts, that Davis and his Complices had for their Defection from the Government in the late Rebellion that happened at the Cliffs

The Clamours therfore of Such Busie Malicious fellows as those and my Own willingness to avoid all Charges on the Inhabitants that were not of Absolute Necessity, Occasioned me to forbear Calling You together so Soon as otherwise J should have done, And truly had there not been some Murders and other Outrages Committed this Summer by Indians that as yet we have not fully Discovered, I should not have given You the Trouble of this Meeting untill October next but being Daily Alarmed by the Approaches of Considerable Parties of Indians that have been Discovered and discoursed with by Cap^t Rand^o Brandt in Charles County, And very much Apprehending Some Sudden Attempts by them on the Inhabitants, J Conceived it Absolute Necessary you should meet this Day to the End I might Communicate to You in time the Urgent and pressing Occasion both I and my Council find of renewing very Speedily those Articles of Peace and Amity that were made Some few years Since by Col Henry Coursey on the behalf of this Province with the Sinecoos These Articles (as I have been Informed) have never been renewed Since Col Courseys Return from that Negotiaation which I fear has been a great Omission in this Government, and may have Occasioned Some disgust or at best Some Jealousie in those Nations that we Value not their friendship, when I am certain that (at this Iuncture of time) We ought to Seek and highly Cherish their kindness and friendship for it must be by their