

It is possible that the present state of affairs with us are such that it may be for the publick good of the Country to make up with matter of conveniency that which legallity doth not fully square with our present necessity.

P. R. O.
Colonial
Papers.

I doubt not but this great and wise Body polittick will duely consider which may be the best and fittest method to take in settling the peace and quiett of this Country, that we may soe remaine till their Majestie's Royall commands be made knowne here which doubtless will be to the rejoyceinge of us all.

And after this Boddy polittick hath soe settled a method for peace and quietness he that shall after that and before power from England endeavour to disturb or make any alteration in the same cannot be deemed a friend to the publick good of this Province as I hope I shall ever be.

(Endorsed)

Maryland. 1689.

Copy of M^r Smith's Papers
dated 16th Dec^r 1689.

A Copy of Papers taken out of M^r Smith's pockett when he was delivered a prisoner and searcht being not returned to him againe.

From Coll. Coode to the Council.

December 17th 1689.

S^t Maries County in Maryland.

May it please your Lord^{ships}.

The within was sent your Lordships by one Ellis Command^r of the Bark Mary of Maryland bound for London, which have presumed to second by the bearer Cap^t Gillam Commander of the Ketch Crave. All possible care has been taken by their Majesties Subjects here, to the best of their abilitys in their present circumstances to represent their present condition to His Majesty whereby they have humbly petitioned his gracious Consideration of them, & a Settlement under a Protestant Government, particularly in the Declaration and Address of the Commanders and Officers in Armes for His Maj^{ty's} Service and the Protestant Interest, sent by Captain William Burnham Commander of the Ship Constant, and Cap^t William Johnson Commander of the Ship Content bound for London, which was followed by another Address of the Representative body of the Province in a full convention of Assembly sent by John Cruchee Commander of the Brigantine. Happy Return of New York bound for Toptham, and by Cap^t Thomas Everard Com^{dr} of the Thomas and Susanna bound for London, all directed to your Lordships, wherein your L^{ds} were humbly supplicated to represent the same to His Majestie being esteemed by us, the best means wee could make use of in our