

To his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r in Council.

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By the Burgesses of Assembly, May 13th 1695.

This House do humbly Signify vnto your Ex^{ncy} That Whereas James Welch hath barbarously Murdered his Master, for which crime he is now in the Custody of the Sherriffe of this County and lyes upon the Countyes Charge; Wee desire your Ex^{ncy} will be pleased since at present there are Severall Justices of the Provinciaall Court present now in Town to give your Speciall Comission of Oyer & Terminer to try the said James Welch. And Wee do further Signify unto your Ex^{ncy} that there are now two Prisoners under Sentence of Death in the Custody of the Sherriffe of S^t Maries County which lye upon great Charges to the Countrey. Wherefore Wee humbly pray your Ex^{ncy} will be pleased to proceed therein, as in your Wisdom you shall think fit, to the End the Province may be disburthen'd of so great and unnecessary charge.

Signed p Ord^r W Bladen Clk Assembly.

To which said Message the following Answer was (by Ord^r) drawn and sent to the House by the hon^{ble} Coll John Addison together with the aforegoing Petitions Referred; Viz^t

By his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r & Council in Assembly.

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Pursuant to the houses desire, this Board have Ordered a Special Comission to issue for Trying of James Welch in your Message named, & have accordingly appointed Friday next to be the day of Tryall, and as to the two Condemned Prisoners remaining in the Custody of the Sherriff of S^t Maries County, you make mention off; the said Sherriff hath already Obliged himself to take no ffees, but for further Satisfaccōn of the house this Board does Acquaint you that this day an Express has been sent to Require the said Sherriffes Attendance here, from whom the house may Receive a certain Account.

Signed p Order Hen Denton Cl Concil.

Upon Representacōn of the House of Burgesses Ordered that Special Comission issue out of their Ma^{ts} high Court of Chancery, for the Tryall of one James Welch now in Custody for Murdering his Master, Constituting and appointing the hon^{ble} Robert Smith Esq^r and the Rest of the Provinciaall Justices now in Town, Justices for the said End and purpose,