

At a Council in a General Assembly met and held at the Port of Annapolis the last day of April in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third &c. Annoq Domini 1696 and their Continued until the 14th day of May after being the fifth Sessions and by his Excellencys proclamation (bearing date the 4th day of March past and was Prorogued until that day. U. H. J. p. 850

Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General

the honble Col^o George Robotham
Col^o Nicholas Greenberry
Col^o Charles Hutchins
Col^o David Browne

His Excellency is pleased to go up attended with the Gentlemen of his Majestys honble Council to the Place where the State House is building the Clerk being Ordered upon a Message to the House of Burgesses to acquaint them with his Excellencys Pleasure that they are required to attend there likewise and see how they approve of the foundation of the said State House as now laid who Accordingly came up and view and measure the Length and Breadth thereof and thickness of the Walls and do well approve and finds the same to be according to Contract.

Ordered that the Bricklayers give an Account in Writing under their hands what manner of a Soil the said foundation stands in and in what places they have drove down Stakes for making the Foundation firmer and that the said Account be entred as well in the Journall of the House as of this Board to remain upon Record to Posterity

The members of the House of Burgesses having received directions to repair to their House take Leave Accordingly and go His Excellency signifying at their departure that some business should be sent them presently by the Clerk in relation to the aforementioned State House

Sent by the Clerk of this Board the several following Proposals in Order to be laid before the House of Delegates and Burgesses for their Consideration &c.