

By the House of Burgesses May the 5th 1696

U. H. J.

The House do wonder and are much Agrieved at the Unparliamentary proceedings and continuance of the Breach of our priviledges by his Majestys honble Council that instead of Affording us the reasonable Satisfaction by the House desired your Board should further proceed to infringe our Priviledges by requiring to know what members were present or Absent when this House resolved upon sending the Message this day by Major Hammond and other members of this House yet for Satisfaction of the Honble Board we acquaint you the same was Resolved Nemine Contradicente therefore once more humbly desire some Satisfactory answer to our former message upon which we shall proceed to such Business as his Excellency shall Propose for his Majestys Service and the Welfare of this Province

Signed p Order
W Bladen Clk assembly

His Excellency is pleased to ask the Opinion of the Board what ans^r is to be Given which being debated for some time it was Resolved that for an Expedient in this matter the Assembly be Prorogued till to morrow morning and his Excellency accordingly Ordered the honble Col^o George Robotham and James Frisby Esq^r to go down to the House and Acquaint the Speaker that his Excellency does require him together with all the members of the House to attend at the Council Chamber immediately

They return and say that they delivered the Message and M^r Speaker with the rest of the House will Attend accordingly

M^r Speaker with the rest of the House members came up p. 872

His Excellency is pleased to Acquaint them that he is Sorry to find that he has that Occasion as to send for them at this time about the contesting such a point with his Majestys honble Council so Long whereby his Majestys & the Countrys Business is in the Interim delayed and the Country put to a vast charge and Expense without any thing done and finding the contest is Gone so far and that the House is not inclinable in the Least to Give way his Excellency therefore is pleased to tell them that he has found an Expedient betwixt both which will put an End to that difference provided they will for the future come with a Sincere true and hearty Affection to promote and carry on the Service of God of his Majesty and of the Country without which was signified a dissolution must necessarily follow and the better to incite the House to the Observance of those three heads his Excellency is pleased to present to M^r Speaker for the Perusall of the House a Sermon