

U. H. J. preached by the present Arch Bishop of Canterbury of doing good to Posterity and then told them that he Prorogued them until the sixth Instant and the same stands Accordingly Prorogued.

At a Council in Assembly according to the above Prorogation Met and held at the Port of Annapolis the sixth day of May 1696 and In the eighth year of his Majestys Reign &

Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq ^r Capt General &c	
Col ^o George Robotham	Col ^o John Addison
the honble Col ^o Nicholas Greenberry	Col ^o John Courts
Col ^o Charles Hutchins	Thomas Brookes Esq ^r
Col ^o David Browne	James Frisby Esq ^r

Came from the House of Burgesses M^r Philip Clarke and five other members who say they are sent from the House to acquaint his Excellency that they are met pursuant to the Prorogation yesterday and desires to know if his Excellency has any Business to impart to the House.

They are told some Messages shall be sent presently.

His Excellency is pleased to Order Col^o Addison and M^r Brook to go down to the House and Command their Attendance at this Board

The Honourable James Frisby Esq^r upon his motion and request made to this Board Obtained leave to go home his Lady drawing near her time

The Gentlemen upon the message sent return and say the House will Attend Immediately

p. 873 M^r Speaker with the rest of the Houses members return up his Excellency was pleased in a short speech to tell them that he hopes all differences & by past disputes will now be now laid aside and that they will cordially proceed upon what Business shall be Offered to them principally taking Notice that the chief Outcry is the Poverty of the Country and of the great Burthen the Poorer sort undergo through means of the vast Levies Yearly Accruing for the defraying the necessary Charge of the Province to Ease therefore that Burthen and Charge his Excellency is pleased to propose these two things viz^t by Laying an Imposition of 10^s p head upon negroes imported and by Continuing of the 3^s p hhd duty upon all Tobacco Exported

In the next Place his Excellency is pleased to Recommend that they would Reassume what Business had been proposed & Offered to the House before hoping they would make some fair end of all those matters which when finished they are Given