

U. H. J.

May the 4th 1696.

Assented to by his Majestys Honourable Council

Henry Denton Clk Concl.

The honble Col^o John Courts and Thomas Brook Esq^r Representing that the Ships in their Parts being very forward to sail and having urgent Business which necessarily require their attendance upon those matters they are concerned with in shipping therefore humbly desire leave of the Board for some short time to retire home to look after the same which was accordingly Granted and time given till Thursday next to return

Saturday May the 9th 1696.

The Council again Sate and were Present His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General

Col ^o George Robotham	}	Col ^o David Brown
Col ^o Nicholas Greenberry		Col ^o John Addison
Col ^o Charles Hutchins		

Upon a return of the Sheriff of Calvert County of an Indenture for Election of a Burgess there bearing date 7th of May Instant being read it is Ordered to be returned to the House of Burgesses on Monday next with this remark that it is thought morally Impossible that the whole County should have notice of the Election in so short a time

Monday May the 11th 1696

Produced and read a Letter by his Excellency Received from his Excellency Col^o Benjamin Fletcher Governor of New York bearing date 30th of April last together with an Acco^t of money remitted from the Colony of Virginia and this Province for the defence of that Government and the printed Votes of the Representative Body of that Province Read also a return relating to the Division of Kent County

Ordered that the said Letters and Papers be sent down to the House of Burgesses for their Consideration and Perusall the which the honble Col^o David Browne and Col^o John Addison carried to the House accordingly

They Return and say they delivered the said Letter and Papers

Proposed that M^r John Perry be Continued in the Post Office for this next year ensuing for like Salary as last year this Board being of Opinion that the same is and will be of less