

They return and say they signified his Excellencys Com- U. H. J.  
mands to the House

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the rest of the House members came up accordingly and bring with them the Bills and present them to his Excellency for his passing & Assent

His Excellency signifies to them that a Bill here presented for Laying the Publick Levy he can by no means pass as it is now drawn there appearing no Acco<sup>t</sup> to particularize any allowances therefore proposes that they return to their House Again and Consider either to draw a Law for what allowances are already made or that they would appoint what members of their House are Justices of the Provincial Court to be Joyned with his Excellency and Council to lay the said Levy at the meeting of the Court in the fall and with that M<sup>r</sup> Speaker with the members of the House took Leave and returned accordingly

Ordered that the honble Col<sup>o</sup> Nicholas Greenberry and the four Burgesses of Ann Arundell County be pursuant to the Ordinance of Assembly Empowered & they are hereby accordingly appointed and Empowered to sell and dispose of what Tobacco is Collectable and due for and towards building a Church at Annapolis Either for Bills of Exchange or Goods the Sheriff of Ann Arundell County having this year already received Orders for Collecting the said Tobacco brought from the House by Maj<sup>r</sup> Smithson and four other members the following message viz<sup>t</sup>

By the House of Burgesses May the 13<sup>th</sup> 1696

This House have perused and considered of the Bill by us proposed for laying and Assessing the publick Levy of this province and therein finding that it plainly appears to what use and purpose the Tobacco therein mentioned to be Levied is to be applied viz<sup>t</sup> To the defraying the necessary Charge of this Province as hath been formerly used and thereupon Resolved nemine Contradicente not to Recede therefrom

Signed p Order  
W Bladen Clk Assembly.

Ordered that seing the House is resolved they be sent for up and Prorogued

The honble Col<sup>o</sup> John Addison is sent upon the said Message who Returns and says the House is Risen