

May the 14th 1696

The Council again Sate and were

Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l

Col ^o Henry Jowles	}	Col ^o Charles Hutchins
the honble Col ^o George Robotham		Col ^o David Browne
Col ^o Nich. Greenberry		Col ^o John Addison

M^r Speaker having had notice from the Board that it is his Excell^{ys} Pleasure that the whole House should attend here presently came up Accordingly attended with the whole House and presents an address drawn up to his Sacred Majesty for Congratulating his Majestys prosperous Success against his Majesty the French &c the which was well approved of and Signed by his Excellency and the honble his Majestys Council and the several members of the House Presented also an address drawn up to his Sacred Majesty humbly requesting that the quarter part of the Revenue taken by his Excellency Governor Copley in his Lifetime which should have been appropriated towards the furnishing of Arms &c might be refunded out of the said Governor Copleys Estate and employed to the uses by his Sacred Majesty designed being read was also well Approved of and Signed to by his Majestys honble Council & House of Bur-gesses

Read a Letter writt unto the honble Thomas Neal Esq^r relating to the mony Act the which was liked of and signed to by the honble Col^o Henry Jowles Chancellor on behalf of his Majestys honble Council & by the several members of his Majestys honble Council

Presented also by M^r Speaker the following Bill

An Act Explaining one part of an Act of Assembly Imposing a duty of Ten p Cent upon all European Goods imported into this Province which was Assented to by his Majestys honble Council

Esq^r Brooke added

The several Naval Officers came and produced the Accounts of their Collection of the Country dutys &c the which they made Oath to be true and Just

Presented the following Vote Viz^t

By the House of Burgesses May the 14th 1696.

Voted in the House that Major William Whittington pay the Ballance of his Account of which is due to this province