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This house are of Opinion that if his Ex^{cy} pleases to grant a Charter unto the port of Annapolis he may thereby grant unto the Inhabitants thereof all reasonable priviledges and imunities as to his Ex^{cy} shall seem fitt As to assessing the Conduit at the publique Charge.

This house thinke the Charge thereof so inconsiderable that if the Inhabitants of this port have a mind to have such Conduit Built they may easily contribute and provide for the same. As to the Land to be sett aside for publique Builders, this house concurs with his Ex^{cys} proposall, and are willing that Major Dorsey (if any the Land fall within his Lotts) may have other Land therefore in some other parte of the Town.

Message from his Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill &c by Mr. Henry Denton Cl of the Council By the Councill in Assembly &c. May the 2^d 1696.

p. 19 It being moved at the Board that some Reasons might be given upon a proposall yesterday layed before the house touching Shippes now in the Country inductive to their Addressing his Ex^{cy} that he would be pleased to Suffer the Same to be cleared do therefore offer to the Consideration of the house the following Reasons, to the End if the house thinks them Sufficient & propper they may joyne with them therein.

First it is represented

That if the [shippes gett home, his Ma^{ty}] will get his Custom's

2. The Seamen [may be serviceable] to his Ma^{ty} when got home.

3. The Worme [may endanger their Shippes] by staying in the Country besides provisions [are very scarce here.]

4. That if the Shippes [should] be stopt to go in a Fleet together there are but two Londonners of any force, and the rest ly Scattered in other ports.

5. It is observed that shippes that Summer here do usually stay till the next Spring, by reason of mens falling sick in the Country.

Signd p Ord^r

Hen. Denton Cl. Concl.

The above Message being read in the house and considered Voted nemine contradicente that W Bladen Clarke of this house go up to their Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Councill with the following Message.

By the House of Burgesses May the 2^d 1696.

Upon perusall of the Message delivered this house by the Clarke of the Councill relating to Shippes in the Country, We humbly desire the Opinion of the hon^{ble} Councill if the said