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Maryland ss.

Journall of the House of Burgesses.

May the 6<sup>th</sup> A° Dni 1696.

Whereas this house by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s [Gov<sup>r</sup> in chief] over this his province and Territory [thereunto belonging] was prorogued from the fifth [day of this month untill] this day being the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant Accord[ing to the said prorogation] they mett And Mr Speaker having [taken the Chair] ordered the house to be called over.

Upon which the following members were absent Mr John Watson Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wawhop Col. Hans Hanson Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Hill Mr Francis Hutchins Mr Edw<sup>d</sup> Boothby Mr Robert Smith. Mr William Helmsley Mr Mathew Scarborough Mr Francis Jenkins Col. Casparus Herman and Col: S<sup>t</sup> Leidger Codd.

Major Hamond Mr Mason Mr Clarke Cap<sup>t</sup> Tasker Major Smithson and Major Thompson Sent up to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> to acquaint him this house is mett according to prorogation yesterday And desire his Ex<sup>cy</sup> would be pleased to impart to them what he has to offer to this House.

Appointed of the Co<sup>m</sup>ittee of Aggrievances.

Major Smithson Mr Saunders Mr Frisby and Col: Peirce of the Co<sup>m</sup>ittee of Laws.

Major Dent Mr Boothby Mr Clarke Mr Low Major Thompson.

Then also appointed of the Comittee of Accompts.

Mr Mason Major Smith Mr Pollard and Mr Lingham.

Major Hamond and the rest of the Members returne to the House and say they have delivered their Message.

The hon<sup>ble</sup> Col: John Addison and Thomas Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> came downe from his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Signified that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> required their Attendance imediately at the Councill Chamber.

House adjourned to the Councill Chamber Where being p. 2 admitted his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Thus bespooke them That he was sorry he should come into the Country when It was so much in Debt, And not only soe but the people divided amongst themselves, yet he hoped they had now forgott all Differences and would bend the utmost of their Endeavors for [his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s and] the Country's Service And proposes that [to answer the ends of this] province they would lay an Additional [duty of 10<sup>s</sup>] upon Negroes, and also continue the [additional duties of 3<sup>d</sup> p] hogsh<sup>d</sup> Whereby the Country would [not only be enabled to go]