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Upon Reading the Above Report

Resolved that an Explanatory Act be made to the Act for Tunnage and ascertayning Navall Officers ffees

The house adjourned untill to morrow morning at Six of the Clock

Saturday May the 9th 1696

The house met and called over were Absent Mr Watson Col: Hanson Mr Hutchins Mr Robert Smith Mr Scarborough Col: Herman and Col: Codd.

Mr Tasker and Major Thompson sent to acquaint Col: Darnall that the house desire he would appeare here with all convenient Speed

Mr Tasker and Major Thompson returne to the house and bring with them Col: Henry Darnall and Mr Charls Carroll

The house acquainting Col: Darnall (as he was his Lordp the Lord proprietary's Agent) that they were proposing a Law to be made for Quieting possessions and securing the Rights and Rents of Surplussage Land's to the proprietary's thereof (being thereunto induced by reason of a certain Declaration which the said Col: Darnall [acknowledged he] had by his Lordps Order affixed at the [Door of this House in Octob: last as also at the Doors of the Several [County Court Houses within] this province relating to [surplusage Lands, Col.] Darnall said if the house did intend to [pass and send the law for] England for his Matys Assent he [would say nothing thereto; but] if so be this house would Address send a Copy [to his Lop the Lord Propr]ietary therein with an address he would ime[diately set up a p]ublique Declaration that noe Advantage should [be had or] taken of any the good people of this province of or by reason of the afd Declaration by him published in Octob: last Untill his Lordps further pleasure should be knowne therein To which the house Assented.

After which the said Col: Darnall & Mr. Carroll withdrew Put to the Question that if in Case Col: Darnall shall publish such Declaration if a Copy of the Law together with an Address or remonstrance shall not be sent to the Lord Baltemore, or that the said Law be passed here and sent to his Matys for his Assent

Carryed by Majority of Voices that a Copy of the said Law with a Remonstrance from this province be sent to his Lordp:

The petition of Kent Island & port of Talbott County read. Put the Question if such Division shall be made as petitioned for or the s^d County's to stand as by law established.

Carryed by Majority of Voices the said County's to stand as by Law established