

U. H. J. The said message came back underwritten thus viz^t

This House thinks there is no Occasion thereof for that this Province is God be thanked very peaceable and quiet

P^r Order W Bladen Clk Assembly

Tuesday July the 7th 1696 The Council again sate and were Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General &c.

the honble { Col^o George Robotham Col^o Charles Hutchins }
 { Col^o Nich Greenberry Col^o David Browne }
 { Thomas Brooke Esq^r }

Brought from the House of Burgesses by M^r Clark Major Hammond M^r Frisby and M^r Crawford the following Message viz^t

By the House of Burgesses July the 7th 1696

We have with the utmost diligence and Care Considered of the Bill lying before us relating to the Establishing the Protestant Religion in this Province which we have proposed to pass as it is already penned but in regard your Excellency approves not the same without some Alteration and this House cannot at present Recede from their former Resolves therein and it appearing to us a matter of Great moment as can come under our Consideration we desire that the further proceeding as to the accomplishing the same may at present be referred till another Assembly that thereby we may severally and separately consider the same

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly.

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint the Board there being a thing of two different natures contained in the said Bill his Majesty will in no wise consent to the Passing thereof and that besides it is the Opinion of his Majestys Attorney General and other Learned Lawyers in England that those words of the People enjoying their rights &c according to the fundamental Laws of England (as the Law is now Penned) would occasion them to carry all their causes to Westminster Hall therefore considered that in case the House persist in their Resolutions therein) whether it will not tend to his Majestys Service that they be dissolved yet however that they be Pro-rogued for one day for a further Trial first which was thought convenient after they had dispatched all other matters now lying before them