

U. H. J. An Answer thereto was drawn up as follows viz^t

By his Excellency the Governor and Council &c July the 8th 1696.

The message last night by M^r Clark Major Hammond &c. was received as also that by Col^o Codd Captain Tasker and M^r Clark this morning sent wherein the House prays some further time to consider of a certain Bill therein mentioned this Board do therefore Recommend that they dispatch the other Business now lying before them and Bring up the severall Bills engrossed that some speedy end may be put to this present Sessions

Signed p Order Hen Denton Clk Council.

The said Message was sent by the honble Col^o Robotham Col^o Greenberry Col^o Hutchins & M^r Brooks who return and say they delivered the same. Came from the House of Burgesses M^r Crawford and M^r Frisby who acquainted his Excellency that the House is ready to come up and desire to know whether they may have admittance who are told they may

Came accordingly M^r Speaker attended with the whole House who present to his Excellency an Address of thanks Drawn up to his Sacred Majesty for being Graciously pleased to take of the Quota of men commanded from this province towards the Assistance of New York &c the which was signed to by his Majestys honble Council and House of Burgesses. Afterwards Presented the following Bills for his Excellencys Passing which were severally perused and Assented to by his Majestys honourable Council the Amendments proposed being therein agreed to be altered the Titles whereof are as follows viz^t

An Act for Sanctifying and Keeping Holy the Lords day commonly called Sunday

A Supplementary Act to the Act for raising a Supply for defraying the Publick Charge of this pro^{vs}

An Act prohibiting all manner of prophane Swearing and cursing

An Act for Assessing and settling the Clerk of the Councils fees within this province

An Act reviving the Temporary Laws of this province

An Act for Repealing a Certain Law against Striking of Fish in Somerset & Dorchester County

An Act for Assessing the Publick Leavy of this Province

An Address to his most Sacred Majesty Concerning Free Schools in this Province the which were Passed under the Broad Seal of the Province in Presence of the whole Assembly