

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

The honble Col^o George Robotham Col^o David Brown Col^o Nich^o Greenberry Thomas Brook Esq^r Col^o Charles Hutchins James Frisby Esq^r

Came from the House of Burgesses Major Thompson M^r Hemsley who signifying that the House is met according to his Excellencys Prorogation and were sent to know if his Excellency had any thing to impart to the House

They are told if the House will come up this Board are ready & will acquaint them

Came Accordingly M^r Speaker Attended with the whole House his Excellency was pleased to tell them that he had taken this method of Proroguing the Assembly for so short time that he might put the Country to as little Charge as Possible and that the Bill which they had before them relating to Religion he does acquaint them as the same is now Pened the King will not pass his Assent thereto it consisting of a thing of different natures and that the King has declared he will not pass any Laws where there are matters of different natures contained and does therefore Recommend that they would take Again into their consideration the said Bill hoping they dont question either his Majesty or himself will ever break in upon their Liberties and if they know of any such thing they would do well to declare it and that if they would draw up a Bill and therein sett forth their Liberties or what else they require touching that matter he would Assent to the same and use his utmost interest to get his Majestys Royal Assent thereto likewise

His Excellency is further pleased to tell them that as they have already been instrumental in making many good Laws they would not by neglecting this main point of settling Religion among them undo all again without which the other matters could not well Subsist therefore yet hoped that as God Almighty moved the hearts of the Children of Israel to call back David to be their King so he hoped their Hearts will be opened to consider of Drawing up this Bill in that nature as it may obtain his Majestys Royal Assent which will tend to the Glory of God the Honour of the King and good of themselves and Posterity praying God Almighty may direct them herein.

p. 898 Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Dent and Eleven other members of the House the following message viz^t

The Messengers desire to know whether they may wait for an Answer who are told that an answer shall be given them presently and so they withdrew