

U. H. J. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1696 The Council Again Sate and were present as yesterday

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Thompson and three more of the House the following message viz<sup>t</sup>

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By the House of Burgesses July 10<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Upon his Excellencys Proposals Resolved by this House that if M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt and M<sup>r</sup> Povey do get our Act of Religion and Free Schools passed the Royal Assent this House will Gratify M<sup>r</sup> Blathwayt with a Reward or Gift of 50 Guineas and M<sup>r</sup> Povey with 50<sup>l</sup> Sterling

This House have Resolved that the Publick Treasurer of the Western Shore send M<sup>r</sup> Yard two Guineas for putting our Address into the Gazett

W Bladen Clk Assembly.

His Excellency is pleased to demand of the Board whether they have any further to Offer to the Assembly or in Council who say they have nothing further

Then taken into Consideration (after the Act of Religion is passed) what time to Prorogue the Assembly to and it is concluded upon and Resolved that they be Prorogued until the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September next but if the Fleet should not come in by that time that then they be further Prorogued by Proclamation

This House having received advice that this Board is ready to receive them came up Accordingly and brought the Bill relating to the Service of Almighty God and the Establishment of the Protestant Religion within this province fair engrossed the which after being Carefully Examined by the Originall and the severall Amendments therein proposed found corrected was assented to by his Majestys honourable Council

Then his Excellency was pleased to sign and Pass the same under the Broad Seal of the Province with this endorsement viz<sup>t</sup>

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On behalf of his Majesty King William the third I will this to be a Law

Francis Nicholson

Then his Excellency acquainted them that he had considered with his Majestys honourable council of Proroguing of the Assembly till the 16<sup>th</sup> of September next but in case the Fleet should not come in by that time that then they should be