

U. H. J. Acts of Religion School and Coin do not pass we are desirous that fifty pounds also be Appropriated to the use of the Free School to which we humbly pray his Excellency and Councils Concurrence

We also humbly pray the honble Council will with us intercede to his Excellency to joyn with us in an address to his Majesty for relief of several of his Majestys Loving Subjects in this province under Penal navigation bonds which we humbly hoped for by what his Excellency was pleased to say to us at the first of this Assembly

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly

Ordered that an answer to the same be drawn up which was done as follows viz<sup>t</sup>

p. 917 By his Excellency the Governor and Council &c September 30<sup>th</sup> 1696

The Message by M<sup>r</sup> Dent &c was received and here read and it is remarked to the House thereon that the Proposall made for Imposing another 3<sup>d</sup> upon the hhd was for a pious use viz<sup>t</sup> towards building a Church at Annapolis for the use of the whole Country in Assembly and Provincial Courts and other Publick meetings tho the House has taken no notice thereof in their message His Excellency is pleased to signify that he is not so dogmatical as to imagine his own opinion therein to be infallible or endued with Eloquence enough to perswade the House against their own Inclination or to force peoples consciences Yet his Excellency is pleased together with his Majestys honourable Council to Assent what the House has proposed thereabout tho they have given no Reason for rejecting his Excellencys proposall

As to the latter part of the message about interceding with his Excellency to join in an Address to his Majesty for relief of several of his Majestys Subjects &c under penal navigation Bonds his Excellency is pleased to say that he can do nothing therein Legally until Judgment has been Recovered thereon which done then he will at present order a Suspension of Executions issuing until his Majestys Pleasure shall be further known and that if his Majestys honourable Council and House of Burgesses shall think fit to Address his Majesty at Present his Excellency will not fail of being as good as his word in affording his Interest &c.

Signed p Order Hen Denton Clk Council

Read the following Resolves viz<sup>t</sup> Resolves of the House of Burgesses