

U. H. J. The aforesaid severall Proposals were sent down to the House by the Clerk of this Board who returns and says he delivered it

October the 2^d 1696 The Council again sate and were Present as before

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Dent and several other members a Certain Instrument drawn up in relation to quieting the minds of the people together with several Resolves of the House Viz^t

To all his Majestys Loving Subjects in Maryland

Because it may be Suggested by many evil minded persons Enemies to his Majestys Government and the peace and tranquillity of his loving Subjects that the frequent Assemblies that of late have been called hath and may be a burthen to the good People of this province and that the money and Tobacco raised hath been misemployed or wasted for preservation whereof and quieting the minds of all his Majestys Loving Subjects it is hereby declared by his Excellency the Governor Council and Burgesses of this General Assembly that when his Excellency came first in this province the publick was much in Arrears to several Persons both in money and Tobacco which did necessiate in Effect the calling Assemblys, the laying some duties on merchandize to pay the publick debts rather then lay the Burthen thereof on the people together with the building a Court House which God be thanked is now near finished and quite paid for together with all other publick debts & the Country in a small time likely to have something in Bank and we do declare that the money that has been raised has been duly applied to the uses it was raised for viz^t for & towards building the Court House and Free School House which we conceive to be for the Service of God his Majesty and good of the Country and that we hope the Country being Clear of debt and all things settled upon good foundations there will be no occasion of calling another Assembly this twelvemonth which his Excellency assures us he will not convene or call together without an Absolute necessity

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk assembly

October 2^d 1696

Assented to by his Excellency and his Majestys honourable Council if the Remarks thereon be complied with
Hen Denton Clk Council