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p. 44Tuseday September the 26th 1693.

M^r Dent, M^r Hamond, M^r Tasker, M^r Jones, M^r Harris and M^r Greenfield Sent up to the Councill to desire an Answer to the former vote of this house concerning the Constitucōn of the Governm^t whereof their Hono^{rs} haue had already a Coppy.

They Returne & say they delivered their Message in Charge given them

Message from the Councill by M^r Tench w^{ch} was Expressed in the words following Viz^t that his Ex^{ncy} Comādes the Memb^{rs} of this Hono^{ble} House to Attend him at the Councill Chamber imediately.

M^r Speaker thereupon together with the Rest of the houses Memb^{rs} goe up to the Councill Chamber accordingly where being admitted his Ex^{ncy} was pleased to Acquaint them that their Maj^{ties} had Comitted the Care of the Governm^t (in the Absence of Coll ffrancis Nicholson) unto him, and that thereupon he had Continued all Officers Military & Civill in their former Station, untill further Order the which he had Signified by his proclamacōn & beat of Drum his Ex^{ncy} likewise expressing himselfe to be Glad to see soe many Gentlemen together that had been instrumentall in the makeing soe many good Laws in this province but with all Told them that he had noe further Occasion of their p^{rsent} Assistance therefore he declared that in their Maj^{ties} names he did Dissolve them, & that accordingly they were dissolved, for Reason of which unexpected Dissolution & because of the Uncertainty of the Words of the said Comission & Manifest variance betwixt the said Comission & proclamation as by the same (Runing in the following words) appears Viz^t

By his Ex^{ncy} a Proclamation

Maryland ss.

Whereas by the Death of his E^{ncy} Lionel Copley Esq^r their Maj^{ties} Late Cap^t Gen^{ll} & Govern^r in Chiefe in & over this their Province of Maryland and the Absence of Cap^t ffrancis Nicholson their Maj^{ties} Lieveten^t Govern^r of the same, The Chiefe Comānd & Governm^t of the said Province is Comitted to the Charge & Conduct of S^r Edmond Andros Kn^t (their Maj^{ties} Lieveten^t & Govern^r Gen^{ll} of their Colony & Dominion of Virginia) by their Maj^{ties} Royall Comission under their Signet & Signe Manuall beareing Date the third day of March 169½ in the fourth yeare of their Reigne to me directed, wth

p. 45 Relation to their Maj^{ties} Comission to the said Lyonel Copley made Letters patents beareing date the 27th day of June in the third yeare of their Reigne, and their Comission to the said ffrancis Nicholson vnder their Signet & Signe Manuall