

Lib. C. B. God save King William & Queen Mary.

Message from the House of Burgesses to desire to know the constitution of the Governmt &ca Came from the House of Burgesses Cap^t John Hamond, M^r Thomas Tasker, M^r William Harris, M^r Edward Jones & M^r Thomas Greenfield, they say they are comāded by their house humbly to desire their Hono^{rs} to Represent to them the present constitution of the Governm^t that they may know how, and to whome to applye themselves vpon all occasions, according to their former Request, and concurrence of this board therevnto.

They are dismissed to expect an Answer.

Mr Tench sent to the House &ca His Ex^{ncie} appoints & orders M^r Thomas Tench to goe to the house of Burgesses and acquaint them that his Ex^{ncie} comānds their Attendance here in the Councill Chamber forthwith.

Mr Tench Returnes M^r Tench haveing accordingly delivered his Message returnes from thence and takes his place at the Board.

The Speaker & rest of the Members appeare The Speaker and the rest of the Members of the house of Burgesses came & presented themselves to his Ex^{ncie}

p. 6 His Ex^{ncie} Dissolves the House of Assembly To them he was pleased to declare that vpon the present Emergency of the death of the late Governo^r Copley, the King haveing comāded his services here; he had in obedience therevnto vndertaken this Journey hither, that he had (by advice in Councill) thought fit by Proclamation to Continue all Officers civill & Military within this Province in their respective stations & places afores^d Untill further Orders, but vnderstanding that those Gentlemen the Representatives of the Province conveened by his Ex^{ncie} the late Governo^r Copley dec^d were now in Towne, he had sent for them at this time, to let them knowe that he did dissolve the present Generall Assembly, and the same is hereby in their Maj^{ties} Names accordingly dissolved.

Proclamations to issue to declare the Assembly dissolved. Ordered, by advice in Councill, that Proclamations be prepared to be signed by his Ex^{ncie} pass the Seale and Transmitted to the severall respective Counties of this Province to Publish, pronounce & declare the said Assembly to be dissolved.

The same being prepared & Signed, & passed the Broad