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which had been continued from the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1692 by severall Adjournm<sup>ts</sup> and Prorogations to Meet again on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 93, on which day the said Assembly did Meet accordingly and Sate till the 26<sup>th</sup> day of the same Month; But the late Governo<sup>r</sup> Copley dyeing on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, S<sup>r</sup> Edmond Andros Arrived the 25<sup>th</sup> with their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Commission to take the Governm<sup>t</sup> of Maryland and on the 26<sup>th</sup> dissolved the same. Lib. H. D.

2: The Members of the Council are of Opinion that the Reasons which Moved the late Governo<sup>r</sup> Copley & Council to Convene the said Assembly do still subsist with greater Reason. Whitehall

3: That whereas vpon the Accession of every Governo<sup>r</sup> to his Governm<sup>t</sup> the Generall Expectation of the Province is that an Assembly be called for the settleing a more perfect vnderstanding between the Governo<sup>r</sup> & Governm<sup>t</sup> The Gentlemen of the Council do now vpon their particular knowledge Represent to your Ex<sup>ncy</sup> that the calling of an Assembly is both the expectation and humble desire of this Province of Maryland in Order to the passing of such publick Acts as may conduce to their Ma<sup>ts</sup> imediate service and to the generall Good & advantage of this their Province.

ffor settling the publick Revenue; all Matters touching the Protestant Religion according to the doctrine & discipline of the Church of England as relating to the persons of Church Men and Establishing on them a competent Revenue; as also for Erecting free scholes with competent Maintenance the paym<sup>t</sup> of Arrears of publick Debts due to the Rangers and for publick Entertainments and vpon Bills of Exchange not paid with diverse other Reasons.

They do further desire that M<sup>r</sup> Cheseldyn being formerly Speaker of the house of Burgesses may be sent for and asked about it, who accordingly Appeared; His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> was pleased to aske him whether or no he thought the Calling of an Assembly would be to the service of the King and good of the Countrey and what sentiments the Members of the house had vpon the Dissolution of the last Assembly; To which he Answered that he believed the calling of an Assembly was generally expected throughout the Province, and that the interest of the Province would Require the same for severall weighty Reasons; Viz<sup>t</sup> such as Reviewing the Laws and paying off old Arrears, now become very great; and as to his Ex<sup>ncies</sup> last demand he does say that the suddain dissolution of the last Assembly was very surprizing to the whole house. p. 50

ffor which Reasons aforesaid there appearing a Necessity for the imediate calling an Assembly; therefore 20<sup>th</sup> of September next is appointed for the Meeting of an Assembly Whitehall