

Councill thought fit for the Reasons afores^d to further prorogue Lib. H. D.
the said Assembly, And I do hereby proclaim & declare that I p. 290
do further Prorogue the same vntill the last day of Aprill next
by which time I expect the Arrivall of the ffeet & his Ma^{ty}
Royall Commands therein ; And to the end due notice hereof
may be given I do hereby Command the severall Sherriffs of
the province to make Proclamation hereof in all publick
places within their respective Counties, as also give notice as
well to the severall Members of the Councill as to the
Burgesses & Delegates within the same that (all Excuses set
apart) they then severally appear at the Port of Annapolis to do
& consent vnto such things as (by the favour of God) shall then
& there happen to be ordained: And I do hereby further Com-
mand the said Sheriffs to give notice that the next Provinciaall
Court will (God willing) be held the second Tuseday of May
following and that the Court of Chancery will sit the next
Munday after the begining of the Provinciaall Court and the
Govern^r & Councill for hearing Appeals & Writs of Error the
Wednesday after the Court of Chancery, vnto which all
persons are to give due & ready obedience as they & every
of them will answer the contrary at their perill; Given at the
port of Annapolis vnder the Broad Seal of the province this
ffourth day of March, in the Eighth year of the Reign of our
Soveraign Lord King William the third &c^a Annoq Domini
1695/6. ffr: Nicholson

God Save the King.

ffeb^{ry} the 29th 1695/6.

Then came Robert Brown before his Excell in Councill, Whitehall
who preferred the following petition, which was Read. Viz^t

To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} & Govern^r
of Maryland.

The humble petition of Robert Brown.

Humbly Sheweth That heretofore there was an informa-
Robt Brownss
pet relating
to the ship
Anna Helena tion exhibitted in the provinciaall Court of this prov-
ince against the ship Anna Helena of Belfast,
Samuell Murthland Master, for breach of severall
Clauses of the Acts of Trade & Navigation, and that it hap-
pened vpon bringing the s^d Information that a speedy Tryall
could not be had, wherefore your pet^r to prevent loss of time
prayed that the s^d ship might be Appraised, and that in case
she were condemned vpon the said information he might have p. 291
her at the Appraised Value that thereby he might be Encour-
aged to Repair & refit her for a Voyage, which was accord-
ingly granted him; that pursuant therevnto the said Ship
was appraised to thirty pounds sterling, for which the pet^r