

16 *Assembly Proceedings, Mar. 8, 1697/8–Apr. 4, 1698.*

Original
Journal. ffire &^{ca} That the Trees that are Left in the middle of the Roads be cutt downe and that where there are Waste places, the Roads be cleared wider than Twenty foote.

That protestant servants that Live with the Roman Catholics have Liberty to go to Church.

That there be an Ordinance of Assembly made to be published that the County has fully satisfied all publicke debts and clayms though his Ex^{cy} found the Country in Debt both in money and Tob^a upon score of the Revolution, and in Governour Coplys and S^r Edmond Andross tymes; Which is thought fitt to be done to p^rvent after Illegall Clayms, by reason there are some p^rsons give out they are not yett satisfied (Viz^t) a man out of Calvert County for bringing up the Records, Major Dorsy, Rob^t Hancocks and others, Therefore It is also proposed that a Law be made to punish such p^rsons as shall make such ffalse Reports And that the people be given to understand that where a bargain for any publicke worke is made the p^rson Contracted with is to be Looked upon & not to have Every one such p^rson Employs to trouble the assemblys acco^t

March the 16th 1697/8.

The Councill again Sate & were present

His Ex^{cy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} Coll: Henry Jowles Colonel George Robotham Thomas Tench Esq^r
p. 17 Colonel Charls Hutchins, Col: Jn. Addison Thomas Brooks and James ffrisby Esq^{rs}

Produced by his Ex^{cy} to the boarde a Letter by him received from his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury dated the 13th of 7^{br} 1697. the part whereof was reade & Ordered to be Layd before the house Viz^t

S^r Having this Opportunity I am Willing to Embrace It & to acknowledge by It the rec^t of yours by the Last Shipps I have spoken to the Attorney Gen^{ll} about the Laws he will not be wanting on his parte & for that, Especially of ffree Schools nothing shall be Wanting. Produced & read a Lre by his Ex^{cy} received from the Right hon^{ble} the Lords of the Councill for Trade & fforraigne Plantations baring date the 17th day of 9^{ber} 1697 the following paragraphs were Ordered to be drawne out and Laid before the house (Viz^t) that about pusall of the Journalls Lawes, that about Coines & that about Soldiers and White servants.

March the 17th 1697/8

The Council again Sate and Were prsent as yesterday. Except Colonel Addison, who after came & was added. His