

Original Journal. That it be remarked to the House of Delegates that M^r Sheffield imported about forty or fifty negroes this year into puttuxent and that the s^d Watkins gives Creditt for 32 only
The Board adjourn'd untill Wednesday
Morning att 8 of the Clock

Port of Annapolis Octob. 26th 1698

The hon^{ble} His Maj^{tys} Council in Assembly
Sate and were present as yesterday.
Message from the house by Lieu^t Colonel Hick and M^r Benjamin Hall, Viz^t

By the house of Delegates Octob: 26th 1698.

M^r Sam^l Chew appearing before this house informs them that Cap^t Thomas Ely when Entred his negroes reported but for three hundred ninety six negroes And finding afterwards that he had more on boarde of which he had made no Entry (the whole being 423 negroes) for the Whole of which he was ready to pay the Impost And desiring that noe advantage might be taken ag^t him for want of a post Entry, And that this House would be pleased to ord^r him to whome he should pay the said Impost

It is resolved upon by this house that he pay the same to the Nav^l Officer for the Distrust of the port of Annapolis & that noe advantage should be taken thereon for want of such Post Entry, if his Ex^{cy} and the Hon^{ble} Council shall approve of the Same

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Signd p Ord^r
Chr Gregory Cl house Del

Whereupon was Endorsed and sent back to the house by said M^r Hicks and M^r Hall thus Viz^t

By his Ma^{tys} hon^{ble} Council in Assembly
Octob 26th 1698

The Within Opinion of the House is approved of and ordered that Cap^t Elys Bond to M^r Watkins be cancelled upon paym^t of the mony

Signd p Ord^r
W Bladen Cl Council

Then came the following Message by Cap^t Moreland Colonel Thompson M^r Cambell and severall other members
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