

L. H. J. agreement and accord between his Maj<sup>tie</sup> and Parliament in raising such Supplies as were necessary for defraying the arrears and supporting the honour and Dignity of the crowne

And what in a more particular manner affected his Maj<sup>ties</sup> p. 222 province was that it had pleased God to withdraw from us his afflicting hand of sickness and Restoreing health and blessing us with Severall Beneficiall and healing Waters Called the Coole Springs which by his blessing have wrought many wonderfull and Signall Cures

And Lastly for that the late Comotions and disturbances were extinguished for all which favors and blessings he had by the advise of his Maty<sup>tes</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill appointed Tuesday next being the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant to be sett apart for a day of Publique Thanksgiving for the Same to be observed by the Generall Assembly and the Inhabitants of the Towne and port of Annapolis and on the 22<sup>d</sup> of Novemb<sup>o</sup> in Ann Arund<sup>l</sup> County and all other Countys within this Province.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to comunicate and deliver to them Severall papers and Letters from their Ldp<sup>s</sup> the Lords of the Councill of Trade and fforeigne plantations, as alsoe severall papers and Le<sup>rs</sup> relating to the Coole Springs and a Coppie of M<sup>r</sup> Coods and M<sup>r</sup> Slyes articles against him.

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to observe to them that he could not understand their meaning to insit to have the clk: of their house sworne to secresye but for them to order their Speaker to keep a Iournall he knew to be very unparliamentary, but if any of them will Transcribe the proceedings during the Sitting of the house they may at pleasure and further tells them that to prevent false Storyes and Reports which amuse and distract the people he is willing that bothe the Hon<sup>ble</sup> his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Councill and the Severall members of the house should be sworne to secrecie.

Lastly his Ex<sup>cy</sup> was pleased to tell them that ever since he had had the hon<sup>r</sup> to serve his most Sacred Maj<sup>tie</sup> in the Station he has been placed to appoint him he has Endeavoured nothing but what has been for the Glory of God and Service of his Maj<sup>tie</sup> and the good of this province to which and noe other ends he prays God to direct them.

Whereupon M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the house tooke their leaves of his Ex<sup>cy</sup> and the Councill and returne to the Stad<sup>t</sup> house.

Where being mett and M<sup>r</sup> Speaker having taken the chair.

Dies Saturnij Octob<sup>r</sup> the 22<sup>d</sup> 1698.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Henry Iowles and Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> two of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill and M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bladen Clk: of the same councill came into the house and Informed them that