

By his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council in Assembly  
Iuly the 20<sup>th</sup> 1699

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This Board According to the Desire of the house of Delegates of the 17<sup>th</sup> of Iuly Instant, Ordered the Attorney General to draw a Bill Concerning Marriages and p<sup>r</sup>sent to the house which is done but no Answer Given what is become of it p. 81

Therefore the Same is again recomended to yo<sup>r</sup> Consideration if any thing therein seem uneasy to persons Intending Marriage or if any thing bearing too hard on the people Called Quakers in regard they are found a Civill and Quiett people this Board are Content to regulate the Same as shall be Advised But hold it highly Necessary to Take some Care to restraints the Extravagant Growth of popery now more Audatious then has been known Since his Matys Government

Signed p Order  
W Bladen Cl Council.

Came M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Hall, Col Ninian Beal & M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Hall and brought the following Bills (Viz<sup>t</sup>)

A Bill for Sumoning Grand & pettite Iuro<sup>rs</sup>

Which being read it is remarqued upon the following Message Sent to the house Viz<sup>t</sup>

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Upon reading this Bill and Compareing it with his Matys Royall Comission and Instructions it Appears to this Board that his Maty has reserved those fines and Amerciaments to his Royall use for Supporte of Governm<sup>t</sup> which is Conceived very Agreeable to Iustice and reason since it is Generally disobedience to his Royall Comānds that Occasions such fines which is the reason why this Board Cannot pass the said Bill being derogatory to his Matys Interrest and prerogative, It is not without Observation that in all the Bills that has been p<sup>r</sup>vented this Sessions those fines & forfeitures that were formerly to his Matys use are now Applied to particular uses of the Country w<sup>ch</sup> nevertheless for the good of the Country and p<sup>r</sup>serving that union begun has been past here but we ca<sup>n</sup>ot but recomend to you to have some Consideration of the p<sup>r</sup>misses for the future

Signed p Order  
W Bladen Cl Concl.

A Bill for punishment of Blasphemy, ffornication Adultery & prophane Cursing and Swearing read & passed p. 82