

Original
Journal.Dies Veneris Iune the 30th 1699.

The house mett againe and were Called over & the Delegates Yesterday p^rsent appeared & M^r James Sander Maj^r Tho: Ennalls M^r Tho: Hicks M^r Walter Campbell and Doct^r Iacob Loockerman appeared in the house

M^r Speaker brings into the house the answer to his Ex^{cys} Speech w^{ch} was ord^d by him to be prepared w^{ch} was read (viz)

By the house of Delegates Iune 30th 1699:

May it Please yo^r Ex^{c^y}

2: Wee Humbley thank your Ex^{c^y} for yo^r Ingenuous Speech & Declaration of your mind to us whereof you were pleased to lett us have a Coppy & wee assure yo^r Ex^{c^y} that the Certaine Carecter wee have heard of yo^r Ex^{cys} Iust and Prudent Governm^t & Candid Treating of his Maj^{tys} Subjects in other parts of America gives us full assurance that yo^r Ex^{c^y} will practice the same to us wthout any apprehension of the Contrary & that yo^r Ex^{c^y} will Cast upon us the True reflection of his Maj^{tys} Serene & Gracious aspect & you shall surely find his Maj^{tys} Subjects here of an Ingenious humble obedient & Loyall disposition and as sincerely Endeavouring that nothing shall disconsonant the good Harmony you wish to find as Law and Duty can oblige a well satisfied people too. The many Benefitts this province has received by being taken into his Maj^{tys} immediate protection wee Gratefully acknowledge and admire the Greatness of his mind that his more Vast and Important affaires in Europe are so Easy to him that he Can Condescend to soe p^ticular Consideration of this his Province wee are Glad to find our Selves so much in his Care and Confess it a great blessing to be vnder his Governm^t w^{ch} pray god Long to preserve.

That notion of his Maj^{tys} & Countreys Interest differing & Interfereing so prejudiciall & fatall to Concord & Unity is never imbibed by us they doe not understand us that informed you and allthough yo^r Ex^{c^y} serveing his Maj^{t^ye} in a higher Station than any of us may render your Loyalty more perspicuous yet wee will Contend that ours shall be vnforme & proportionable and as we never had any apprehension that his Maj^{t^y} wold retrench us of any of those rights & priviledges here w^{ch} we have in England soe will wee allwayes Esteeme his Royall prorogative sacred and hope wee shall never see it misapplied to personall Strife & Contests nor to Iustifye any violent action.

p. 9 As to the Church affaire wee are Glad to find yo^r Ex^{c^y} soe willing to Ioyne in the promotion of it soe wee shall be all