

that Agree with the Opinion of his Ex^{ncy} and his Ma^{ts} hon^{ble} Lib. H. D. Council in this Affair, they Express the same by subscribing their names that they are of the same Opinion and those that are of a Contrary Opinion are hereby in his Ma^{ts} name Comanded to draw up their reasons in writing and deliver the same to the Sherriffe in Order to be Return'd together with this Paper unto his Ex^{ncy} and it is hereby declared that any p^rson may ffreely doe the same without ffear of Rep^rmand or Sensure but may Expect rather to be thanked then otherways whose Reasons Offer'd may p^rhaps be so prevalent as to alter his Ex^{ncys} Resolutions.

The Assembly further pro-rogued till the 26th of May. Lastly the Sherriffs are to give Notice to the Severall members of his ma^{ts} hon^{ble} Council and House of Burgesses that if in Case a Return of these Matters shall be duly made and Complyed with that then it is the Opinion of this Board that the Assembly be further prorogued untill the 26th day of May after which it is hoped there will be no occasion of their then meeting neither but that they may still be further prorogued, whereof timely notice will be given; and the Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly until the 26th day of May next upon the Condiçōns afore p^rmis'd whereof the severall members are to take due Notice and the Sherriffs Ordered to publish the same accordingly and make due Compliance in p^rforming every individuall thing hereby directed as they will answer the Contrary at their Perill; as also to Offer the following Rep^rsentacōn to all p^rsons to whom the foregoing proceedings are directed to be Offered for their Opinion in like manner to be given upon the same, which Rep^rsentacōn follows in these words, Viz^t

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It is most humbly Rep^rsented to the R^t hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee of Trade and fforreign Plantacōns by his Ma^{ts} Govor & Council of his Province of Maryland that Whereas for these two years together last past it is so fallen out that through the Extreimity of bad weather much more Severe and difficult for all masters of Ships & merchants Trading here then in his ma^{ts} Colony of Virginia where ships are Capable of being much sooner laden by reason of the more Sufficiency of the Planters nearness of their Plantacōns and warmth of the Climate for which reasons Severall great Ships of Considerable Countenance were forced to stay behind the ffleet last year and are likely to doe so this Year therefore do humbly Pray that his Ma^{ty} will be graciously pleased to take the same into his Royall Consideracōn and for the future to Order all such of his Ma^{ts} men of Warr as hereafter shall be sent for Convoy of the Ships Trading in