

Lib. H. D. Annapolis, under the Board Seal of the Province this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the Third &<sup>ca</sup>

Annoq Domini 1696/7  
God Save the King. ffr: Nicholson

On the Back of the s<sup>d</sup> Proclamacōn was thus written Viz<sup>t</sup> The Sheriffs are likewise Ordered to give Publick notice how that the Court of Chancery and the Govern<sup>r</sup> and Council for hearing Appeals and Writs of Error will Sit at the End of the next Provinciall Court pursuant to an Order of my Self and Council of the 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> past.

ffr: Nicholson

It being Rep<sup>r</sup>sented that the State House Work was much neglected; a L<sup>re</sup> thereon was drawn up, in Ord<sup>r</sup> to be sent to Coll: Herman, as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

Port of Annapolis, March the 16<sup>th</sup> 1696/7.

His Ex<sup>ncys</sup> L<sup>re</sup> to Coll Herman ab<sup>t</sup> the State House &<sup>ca</sup> Coll: Herman.

I do admire you should so trifle with the Country in yo<sup>r</sup> extraordinary delay about the State House Work, which for ought I see is not likely to be ffinish'd this half year yet, at the rate of yo<sup>r</sup> manner of proceeding; besides the damage which will Ensue for want of the House being done—The Records lying in a very great danger to be spoild by gusty weather and exposed to the hazard of burning in the place, they are now lodged, and the Country put to further Charge for House Rent—This comes therefore Express to acquaint you th<sup>t</sup> if you don't forthwith come down & bring all workmen & materialls necessary for finishing thereof, so that it may be fully completed by the 13<sup>th</sup> of may next (having deferr'd the prov<sup>ll</sup> Court till then for yo<sup>r</sup> gaining time) you must expect to be Arrested in an Action of 2000<sup>ll</sup> sterl. in behalfe of the Country & in the interim I shall take Care to imploy men to ffinish it—Yo<sup>r</sup> imediate Answer is Required hereto from

Read & Approved off, in Council. ffr: Nicholson  
H. Denton Cl. Concl.

A L<sup>re</sup> from Mr Povey Read in Council &<sup>ca</sup>

Read a Letter by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Rēcd: from the hon<sup>r</sup>ble John Povey Esq Dated at Whitehall the 27<sup>th</sup> of August last past thereby intimating that M<sup>r</sup> Chilton and M<sup>r</sup> Randolph being not able to give any certain Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Value and Currency of Coynes in Mary-land was a Reason nothing has been done therein as yet;