

By the house of Delegates May the 14th 1701

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May it Please Your Excellency

In Answer to the message of the 12th Instant by Col^o Hammond and Col^o Jenkins relating to the Militia this house did refer it to a Committee to Consider what Law might be made to render the Militia more usefull who have reported to this house that the Constitution of this Country will not Admitt of any better Law to be made to which this house Concurr

Signed p Order W Taylard Cl House Del

His Excellency Col^o Francis Nicholson his Matys Lieu^t & Governor^r Generall of the Colony & Dominion of Virginia was pleased by Letter to Communicate to his Excellency the Proceedings of himselfe and his Ma^{ty}s Councill of Virginia as p. 27 to the Embargoing of Ships now outward bound for England: viz:

Virginia ss^t

Att the Councill Chamber att his Matys Royal Colledge of William and Mary the 8th day of May 1701

Present His Excellency in Councill

Severall Letters from England and other Parts being read in Councill and giving great Cause to believe that there either now is or suddainly will be a Vigorous War on foot his Excellency and his Ma^{ty}s honble Councill do thereupon Conceive That it will be very dangerous for any Ship or Vessel to go to Sea unless in fleets or under Convoy and being desirous as much as in them lyes to provide for their Safety and Security

Ordered that the Collectors & Nav^l Officers of the Several Districts be and hereby are Injoyned and required that they Clear noe Ship nor Vessell after the 6th of June next and that what Ships nor Vessels they Clear they shall oblige them to Come into the Mouth of James River to the usuall Place of making up fleets and thereto remaine untill the 12th of June in order to Saile

And in Case any Ship or Vessel should not be ready to Saile by that time it is further Ordered that the Collectors & Nav^l Officers of the respective districts shall not Clear any Ship or Vessell after that time untill further Orders And that they give Imediate Notice of this Order unto the Severall masters of Ships and Vessells within their Districts p. 28

Whereas for the better Safety and Security of the Merchants Ships and Vessels Sailing out of this Colony to the Several Ports whereunto they are bound

Orders are given to the Coll^{rs} and Navall officers in the severall Districts of this Colony not to Clear any Ship or Vessel