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Roome to any person to suggest its being disassented to upon any other Grounds than it mentions; You having Clogged and Loaded it with things of Different Natures which I hope you will wisely Correct without the least Hesitation. For we are happy under the Wings & Protection of a Prince whose Delight is to run the greatest hazards for the Conservation of our Properties and never yet obstructed his People in pursuing that blessed name of Liberty.

You are sencible how useful Religion is in the Good Government of a Nation or Province, it's the Uniting the People, the keeping men Good and Deterring them from comitting of Rapines of all Degrees upon each other. Much may be said upon this Subject which is not so proper here and not being my Tallent, neither is it necessary where I am morally Assured those persons to whom I Applye, are So well inclined and are So Good Judges of the fatall Consequences would Attend us in the Loss of that good Law.

I shall not here enumerate what other affaires we are to concert this Sessions of Assembly but will leave you to proceed in the usual way of Conferrence and Message, being ready to Joyn wth you wherein we may promote his Ma^{ty}s Service on which Depends the Good of this Province.

M^r William Taylard sworne Clk of the House of Delegates took the Oaths Subscribed the Test & Associacōn

The Board adjourned till 9 of the Clock to morrow morning.

Saturday Aprill the 27th 1700.

The Council Sate present as yesterday.

p. 10 Came James Frisby Esq. and was Added.

It being represented to the Board that Cap^t Bradshaw Comander of the Ship of London who the last Sum̄er Imported Negros into this Province had before he made Reporte and Entry of his Ship ran Twenty Two negros on the Shore side in Dorchester and Somersett Countys without Giveing any acc^t thereof and that M^r George Bayns who lives att M^r Dashells in Wicocomico River Cap^t John Taylor and M^r Henry Hooper of Dorchester County are knowing thereof.

Ordered Therefore That John Pollard Esq^r one of his Ma^{ty}s Justices of the Provinciall Court do issue his Warrants and Call before him the said George Baynes, Cap^t John Taylor and M^r Henry Hooper and upon their Corporall Oaths upon the holy Evangelists by him to them to be Administred strictly Examine them of what they know thereof, and their said Examinations with all Convenient Speed to Transmitt to his Excellency the Govern^r

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Concil