

By the Ex^{ty} the Govern^r & Council Octob^r 9th 1691
 Upon Representation & by advice in Council Ordered that the Justices of the Provinciall
 Court of the severall County Courts within this Province should not to finish all business
 whatsoever depending before them (viz) the Justices of the Peace (this Court) and the County
 Court Justices in November Court next, considering the latter have now power to appoint (on
 upon occasion) a Clerk & Clerk of the Court. By a late Ordinance of Assembly it being ordered
 by this Board that delay of Justice is in effect at this ad doing thereof and that it is
 apparently the worst both for Plaintiff and Defendant: And it is hereby further Ordered that it be
 certified from the Justices under the severall Acts that all business has been finished
 this and the said November Court pursuant to this Order. And it is ordered to the Justices
 that it having pleased God Almighty of this in finite goodness to send a good Mast year and
 Seasonable Weather whereby great Crops of Corn & Cattle are likely to be made: So that the
 People indebted can not pay their debts in a better time. This Board does further strictly
 Charge all Magistrates & Justices of this Province in General (in this Matter Main and as
 they will answer it at the day of judgment) that they see all the Law put in strict Execution
 Especially agt Sabbath breaking, Blasphemy, Curfowling, Swearing, Drunkenness and agt
 known adulterers, fornicators & persons that have two wives. But more especially that
 they take Care to punish such Offences as they are eye & ear witnesses of. And it appearing
 by the Provinciall Court docket inspected by the Ex^{ty} & Council this morning that
 there are abt 120 appearances, so that another Court must shortly necessarily be held before
 the first good owl. Otherwise a great many persons are likely to go without their debts this
 year. therefore it is Ordered by this Board that the Provinciall Court be adjourned until the
 first Tuesday in December next hereby directing that the same be adjourned accordingly
 it being always the Ex^{ty} intent that speedy Justice be done to all persons in this Province
 and does hope for the future to bring matters so to pass as to have business to go through all
 the Courts of this Province, within the compass of a twelve month, and for the Courts to be
 more early

Signed & Ordered Hon^{ble} Doulton Es^q Council

It is further to give Notice that the Court of Chancery will be held likewise in December
 next, and the Commissaries Court, and that the Govern^r & Council will also attend to hear appeals
 and Writs of Error. The severall Sheriffs of this Province being directed to publish this order

Signed & Ordered Hon^{ble} Doulton Es^q Council

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Ordered that the Vestrymen of the severall parishes within this Province take Care to dispose
 of the 40th poll, where Ministers are not placed or inducted & where Churches are actually
 built) for ready good money or Bills of Exchange pursuant to former Order to be made a
 good Comodity this year, and that the Church yards be painted in pursuant to the late
 Ordinance of Assembly that the Sheriff give Copy of this Order to y^e lower Officers

Signed & Ordered Hon^{ble} Doulton Es^q Council