

Whitehall

July 30th 1694.

To which Demand of the Ex^{ty}

The Secretary and Members of the Council humbly offered the Reasons following for calling an Assembly, Viz:

Councils Reasons for calling an Assembly -

1: That by a Proclamation issued by his Ex^{ty} the late Govern^r: Copley and Council, Dated August 25th 1693, it was thought fit for diverse weighty Reasons then appearing to them to Summon the Assembly which had been continued from the 10th of May 1692 by severall Adjournm^{ts} and Prorogations to Meet again on the 20th day of September 93, on which day the said Assembly did Meet accordingly and sat till the 26th day of the same Month; But the late Govern^r: Copley dying on the 9th day of September, Sr Edmond Andros Arrived the 25th with their M^{ts} Commission to take the ~~the~~ Govern^{mt}: of Maryland and on the 26th dissolved the same.

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2: The Members of the Council are of Opinion that the Reasons which mov'd the late Govern^r: Copley & Council to Convene the said Assembly do still subsist with greater Reason.

3: That whereas upon the Accession of every Govern^r: to his Govern^{mt}: the generall Expectation of the Province is that an Assembly be called for the settling a more perfect understanding between the Govern^r: & Govern^{mt}: The Gentlemen of the Council do now upon their particular knowledge Represent to your Ex^{ty} that the calling of an Assembly is both the Expectation and humble desire of this Province of Maryland in Order to the passing of such publick Acts as may conduce to their M^{ts} immediate Service and to the generall Good & advantage of this their Province.

For settling the publick Revenue; all Matters touching the Prot:stant Religion according to the doctrine & discipline of the Church of England - as relating to the persons of Church Men and Establishing on them a competent Revenue; as also for Erecting free Schools with competent Maint:ances the paym^t: of arrears of publick Debts due to the Rangers and for publick Entertainments and upon Bills of Exchange not paid with diverse other Reasons.

They do further desire that Mr Cheselden being formerly Speaker of the house of Burgesses may be sent for and asked about it, who accordingly appeared His Ex^{ty} was pleas'd to ask him whether or no he thought the calling of an Assembly would be to the service of the King and good of the Country and what Sentiments the Members of the house had upon the Dissolution

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