

Tuesday January the 3 1699

The Council take present as Yesterday

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq. Governour of this Province & now his Majesty's Surveyour of the Colony of Virginia being present his Excellency is pleased to desire this advice at the Board

And it coming under consideration whether it may not be for his Majesty's Service that the present Assembly now on foot should not be dissolved his Excellency desiring the advice of the Council they do say that they do not think it will be for his Majesty's Service that the said Assembly should be dissolved for that several Lawiers having Duties for the Support of this his Majesty's Gov<sup>ty</sup> would Determine thereby

His Excellency observing that the said Assembly stands prorogued until the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of June next where upon pleased to communicate to the Board one of his most Sacred Majesty's Royal Instructions to him where by he is required to convene the General Assembly with all convenient speed after his arrival here & requires them to give him their opinions whether the said Assembly may be sooner Convened notwithstanding their being so prorogued

To which the Gentlemen of the Council do severally say that they do not think the Assembly can be sooner convened for that they do not know or ever heard of any such President therefore

His Excellency is pleased to say that he will