

Reasons should go unsatisfied which may be the
 occasion of hardship & discontent & an undervalu-
 ing the Publick Credit

A Council held at the Town &
 Port of Annapolis in the Hundred County
 by the 13th day of December in the twelfth
 year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King
 William the third of England &c^a Annoq^{ue}
 1700 Present

His Excellency the Governor

The Honble } The Sheriff } The Broth^{ers} }
 } Col^{le} In Addison } Col^{le} John Stamm }

The Council representing to his Excellency that
 whereas this present General Assembly now on Foot
 had continued near three years they did believe it
 would be to the General Satisfaction of the Coun-
 try they should be dissolved in the Spring & a new
 one called His Excellency was pleased to assent
 thereto but without Perceived that having no In-
 structions from his most Sacred Majesty the King
 hereto the House composed of trade & Foreign Plan-
 tations &c^a in that point to follow the tenor of
 a Parliament made in his Majestys Kingdom of
 England for dissolution of the Parliament there
 every three years he did not hold himself obliged
 to follow that Example here not knowing how
 far it might be agreeable to his Majestys Inclinations