

At a Council held the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
June 1705. Present.

His Excellency the Governour  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Robert Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> John Hanford  
Lt. Col<sup>l</sup> William Hollard James Sander Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Came Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas Smithson Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas Smith

His Excellency proposes that whereas her  
Majesty Council have been summoned and  
have not appeared so that he cannot get a  
sufficient number of Council together not-  
withstanding his utmost and best Endeavours  
so to doe being resolved not to act under the  
number of five proposes why may not  
Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas Smithson & Col<sup>l</sup> Thomas Smith  
now present upon this Expediency be required  
to give their Advice or otherwise since the  
Council are not mett He must be at a loss  
to proceed Especially in relation to the present  
Shipping being admitted to Saile for England  
or not. Proposes the Matter to the Council &  
Gentlemen present producing the severall  
Papers from the Governour of Virginia viz<sup>t</sup>  
the Council of Virginias Proceedings thereon  
and Masters of Shippes Petition and reasons to  
go with the Trumbulo man of warr. produced  
also a Letter from Mr. Robert Dumbley ad-  
vising of two men of warr coming to fetch