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A Court Council held at the Towne &
Fort of Annapolis the Eleventh Day of
October Anno Domini 1705.

Present

His Excellency the Governour
The Hon^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq^r Col^l John
Hamond, Lt Col^l William Holland William
Coursey Esq^r.

That Mr James Keach appearing at
this Boarde pursuant to a Summons to that
purpose Copy of Divers Letters by him wrote
to Col^l Nicholson Mr Perigrine Cony of the
26th of Feby 1704 sent from his Excellency
Col^l Nicholson Governour of Virginia to his
Excellency Col^l Seymour were read at the Boarde
wherin the said James Keach did most notorious-
ly reflect on the Present Constitution of this
Government seeming in a very Extraordinary
manner to espouse the Cause of one Henry
Gerard a Runagado Romish Priest who presumed
to Libell his Excellency the Governour and
not stick in a most scandalous manner to call
in question the whole Government as protectors
and favours of papists. And the said James
Keach being asked what inductive Reasons he
had to write such Letters to express himself in
so Envious a manner against his Excellency