

At the Council Chamber May 22 1706  
 Present His Excellency the Governour -  
 The Honorable Thomas Gench Esq Thomas Brauer  
 Esq Robert Smith Esq Col John Hamond Col  
 Edward Loyd Sr Col William Holland and  
 James Sanders Esq. -

His Excellency Communicates to the Boarde  
 His Excellency the Governour of Virginia Letters  
 of the Seventh Instant with Some Minutes of  
 her Majestys Council of State there a Proclama-  
 tion. In upon the late sudden arriv of a french  
 Squadron of men of War in conjunction with  
 severall Privateers Designed to Infest this Coast  
 Whereupon it was debated and consulted whe-  
 ther it may not be proper to Issue a Proclama-  
 tion Prohibiting the Masters of Shippes to fire  
 any Gunns whereby to allarm the Country  
 Resolved that such Proclamation be forth-  
 with issued. His Excellency is Pleas'd to aske the  
 Advice of the Boarde where they thinke the  
 Shipping in the Country may be best Secured in  
 case the Enemy should make an Inult on  
 this Province. & desires them to Consider there-  
 of and give their Advice upon their next sitting  
 of this Boarde which is God willing Speedily inten-  
 ded.