

Signed in Order Henry Denton of Assembly.

Another Message by Mr Thomas Lasher, and Mr Henry Hawkins which they deliver in writing and are acquainted that this Board intends to Adjourn themselves to Mr Lynes house, from whence they may expect an answer to their several Messages this Day received the last being as follows viz:

By the house of Assembly May the 11th 1692

This house has Ordred and Consented themselves to certain hours of Meeting viz to meet at 9 a Clock in the Morning and so to continue till four in the afternoon You have thought fitt to Intimate the same to your honours desiring that you would be pleased to signify unto this house which will be the Convoientest times to wait upon your honours about the business of the Country now in hand that matters may be better Communicated

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Ed: Lasher comes to the Board

Message to Mr Lynes

at Mr Lynes house the Council met present as before

Mr Lasher then their Majestys Attorney generall came from the house with Major John Campbell one of the members lately come to the house whom he desires may have the Oath Administered to him by this Honourable Board which was accordingly done. He also delivers to the Board a Petition preferred to the house by several Masters of Ships and Vessels now ready to sail if permitted viz:

The Honourable John Denton of the Lower house of Assembly

The Humble Petition of several Commanders of Ships now Riding in Patuxent River

Sheweth

That Your Petitioners being now ready to set sail do understand that Captain John Brown and Captain Benjamin Brown have their Majestys Protection from all Embargoes and consequently do intend very speedily to sail that their Ships being of force and sufficient together with your Petitioners Ships to make an indifferent good Fleet being at least twenty Sail besides the said Browns that your Petitioners by a vast Expence both for Provisions and Mens Wages and if forced to stay till the last Fleet goes, it will prove their utter Ruin, and probably not be in a Condition to go either through want of Provisions or Men who Daily threaten if forced to stay for the last Fleet to desert their Ships through the Expence they have of Seasoning in the Country

It therefore your Petitioners humbly pray that this Honourable house in tender Consideration of the Premises will be pleased to make it their request to his Excellency the Governour that your Petitioners may be admitted to sail along with the said Browns whereby the many Inconveniences that otherwise must necessarily fall upon your Petitioners their Men and Ships may be prevented and they will ever pray &c

Which Petition was subscribed as follows viz:

To his Excellency the Governour of this Province