

April 3 1684

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		Cot ^o William Digges	

Adjourn till to Morrow Morning 10 a Clock

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Notice given to the Speaker to attend his Lordship here with the Members of the Lower House

The Speaker and members of the Lower House Enter

His Lordship declares to them the reasons of his meeting them at this time in manner following

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

Tho I had not the satisfaction I reasonably expected at the meeting I gave you in Ann Arundel yet I would not have you believe my adjourning you to Saint Marys was the effect of a dissatisfaction in me toward any Person here present I must Confess the danger I saw our Temporary Laws in and the necessity of preserving them forcit me to Adjourn when I thought to have Purquid you that and my desire of being near my own home at this time for the settling of my private Affairs moved me to Appoint the meeting here and now that I have by that Adjournment continued the Temporary Laws till this time I expect you will consider it Ought to be your Care as well as altogether mine that the Province be not left without those Laws that have been hitherto thought useful & necessary

For this Reason it was I desired to meet you thus soon as also to assure both my Houses that I am ready to perform any thing you can reasonably expect at my hands in relation to those Acts made by you in the Year 1676 Hoping I shall see no more irregular and unnecessary way of Proceedings in either of the Houses such being not for the Safety of those whom you come here to serve nor for the Honour of the Assembly and for those Reasons not fitting for me to yield so I do