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Learning Subjects of our said Province and Territory and all others return
it may please to take due Notice hereof and to give their Ready Obedience
Accordingly to our said Court at Kensington the thursday of March
1692 in the fourth year of our Reign

By his Majestys Command
Wolfehampton

The Commission being read and the Gentlemen of the Council ob-
serving the words of the said Sir Edmonds Commission to be contrary
as to the death of Captain Francis Nicholson and the absence of his
Excellency Col Lipley offered that as a Reason whether the said Sir Ed-
monds Commission ought to take Place or not at which Sir Edmond
seeming uneasy asked where Captain Nicholson was saying he was
dead to us it was thereupon moved that it might be laid before the As-
sembly for their Opinion therein upon which the said Sir Edm said the
Commission down on the Board and asked whether we would submit
to the Kings Commission or not upon which the Council not know-
ing what Instructions their Majestys might be pleased to make upon the said
Commission and being not well acquainted with matters of that
Nature and for the quiet and Satisfaction of all Persons concerned
their Majestys said Council after intimation and Caution to the said
Sir Edmond of the Uncertainty of the Words of his said Commission
were for the Reasons aforesaid induced to permit the said Sir Edmonds
Access to this Government who accordingly took upon him the same
Afterwards viz 26 of September Anno 1693 a Message came from the
House of Burgesses and is Expressed in the Journall thereof as follows

Sunday September the 26 1693

Mr Dent Mr Hammond Mr Tasker Mr Jones Mr Harris
and Mr Greenfield sent up to the Council to desire an Answer to the
former Vote of this House concerning the Constitution of the Government
whereof their Honours have had already a Copy they returned saying
they delivered their Message in Charge given them

Message from the Council by Mr Tench which was Expressed
in the words following viz that his Excellency commands the Members
of this Honourable House to attend him at the Council Chamber
Immediately

Mr Speaker thereupon together with the Rest of the Houses
Members go up to the Council Chamber accordingly where being ad-
mitted his Excellency was pleased to acquaint them that their Majesty
had committed the Care of the Government in the absence of Col. Nichol-
son unto him and that thereupon he had contented all Officers